

Trump-GOP split: Senators loudly oppose Mexico tariff threat

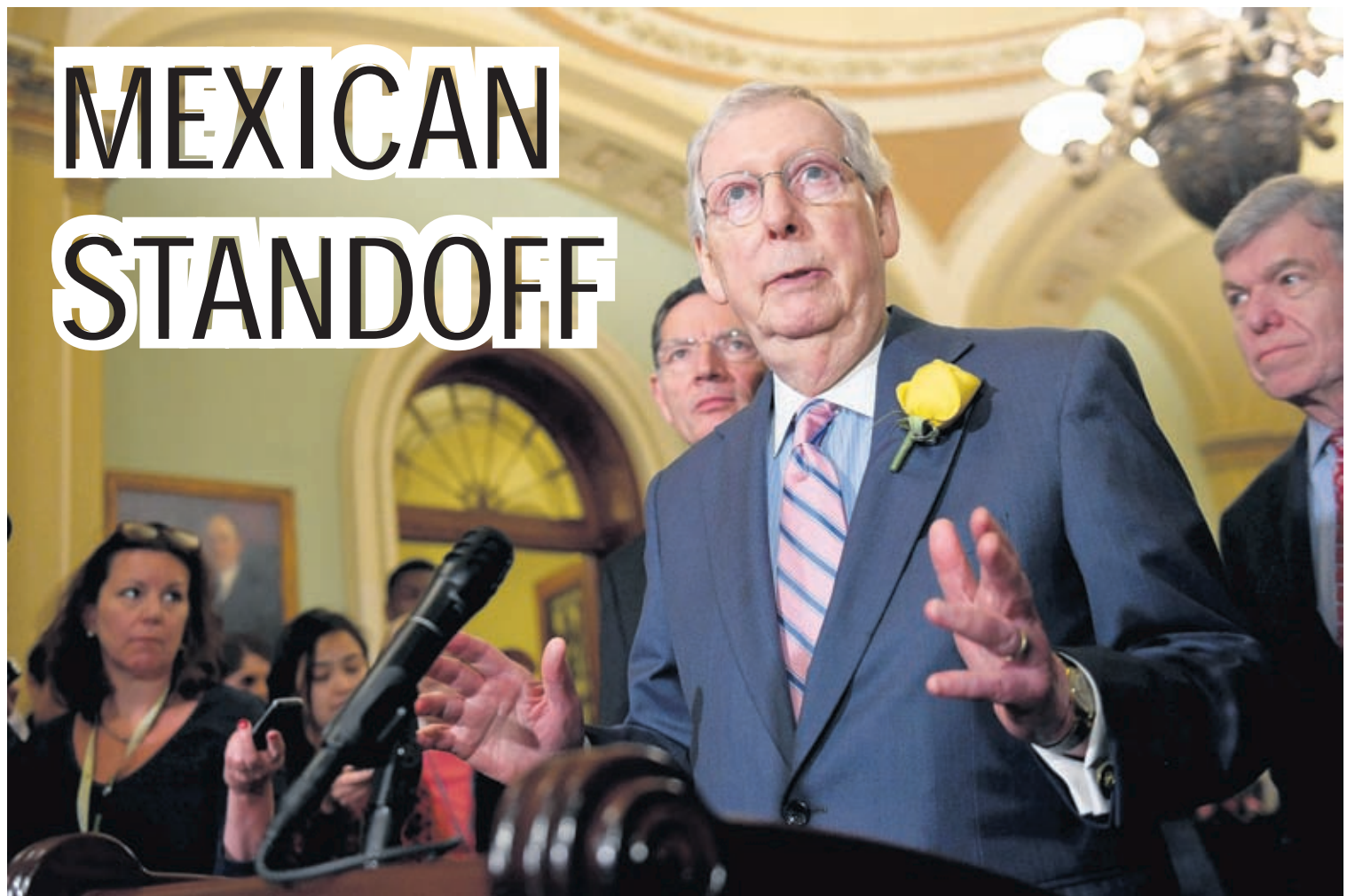
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WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rare confrontation, Republican senators declared deep opposition Tuesday to President Donald Trump's threatened tariffs on all goods coming into the U.S. from Mexico. But it's unclear they have the votes to stop him, and Trump said they'd be "foolish" to try.

All sides, including officials from Mexico meeting with Trump negotiators in Washington this week, remain hopeful that high-level talks will ease the president away from his threat. But with the tariffs set to start next Monday — and Trump declaring them "more likely" than not to take effect — fellow Republicans in Congress warned the White House they are ready to stand up to the president.

The public split and looming standoff over 5% tariffs on all goods imported from Mexico revealed a fundamental divergence in values between the president and his party. Trump uses tariffs as leverage to get what he wants — in this case to force Mexico to do

MEXICAN STANDOFF



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., speaks to reporters following the weekly policy lunches on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

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more to halt illegal immigration. For Republicans, tariffs are counter to firmly rooted orthodoxy and viewed as nothing more than taxes

they strenuously oppose. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said with understatement, "There is not much support in

my conference for tariffs, that's for sure." At a lengthy closed-door lunch meeting at the Capitol, senators took turns warning

Trump officials there could be trouble if the GOP-held Senate votes on disapproving the tariffs.

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Congressional rejection would be a stiff rebuke to Trump, even more forceful than an earlier effort to prevent him from shifting money to build his long-promised border wall with Mexico.

"Deep concern and resistance," is how Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas characterized the mood. "I will yield to nobody in passion and seriousness and commitment to securing the border, but there's no reason for Texas farmers and ranchers and manufacturers and small businesses to pay the price of massive new taxes."

Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, who was among the senators who spoke up, said, "I think the administration has to be concerned about another vote of disapproval. ... I'm not the only one saying it."

The outcome would be uncertain — Trump could try to veto a disapproval resolution as he did before. But many Republicans who voted against Trump earlier this year actually supported his ultimate goal of building the border wall. They were just uneasy with his executive reach to do it. Now,

the president doesn't have anywhere near the same backing for the tariffs.

The GOP opposition is grounded in fears over what Trump's tariffs would do to the livelihoods of ordinary Americans. Senators worry they would spike U.S. consumers' costs, harm the economy and imperil a major pending US-Mexico-Canada trade deal.

With jitters running high, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said Tuesday he's prepared to respond to protect the economy, and stocks rallied on that signal that the Fed will likely cut interest rates later this year.

Mexico is concerned about the tariffs as well, but top officials seemed optimistic about a resolution.

"By what we have seen so far, we will be able to reach an agreement," Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard said during a news conference at the Mexican Embassy in Washington. "That is why I think the imposition of tariffs can be avoided."

Trump, during a press conference in London, offered mixed messages.

"We're going to see if we can do something," he said on the second day of his



Mexican Ambassador Martha Barcena Coqui, second from left, and Mexican Foreign Affairs Secretary Marcelo Ebrard, right, speak before a news conference at the Mexican Embassy in Washington, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, as part of a Mexican delegation in Washington for talks following trade tariff threats from the Trump Administration.

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state visit to Britain.

"But I think it's more likely that the tariffs go on," he said. He also said he doubted Republicans in Congress would muster the votes against him. "If they do, it's foolish."

The Mexican officials arrived in Washington over the weekend as Mexico launched a diplomatic counteroffensive and fresh negotiations. On Tuesday, Mexico's trade negotiator Jesus Seade was meeting with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, and Ebrard will meet Wednesday with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Republican senators are hopeful those talks will prevent the tariffs. But if negotiations should fail, the lawmakers warn they may have no choice but to take action to stop Trump.

"Our hope is the tariffs will be avoided," McConnell said.

Lawmakers and business allies worry the tariffs will derail the long-promised United-States-Mexico-Canada trade deal— a rewrite of the North American Free Trade Agreement that Trump campaigned against and promised to replace.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Finance Committee, told reporters Tuesday the tariffs make passage of USMCA "more difficult."

Questions remained, meanwhile, over how, exactly, the president would invoke executive authority to slap tariffs on the Mexican goods -- and what Congress could do to block him.

Trump has indicated he will rely on the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, a national emergency executive action he can take without congressional approval.

But lawmakers say they can quickly vote on a resolution to disapprove. That's what happened earlier this year when Congress, stunned by Trump's claim of executive power, tried to block him from taking funds for the border wall with Mexico. Congress voted to disapprove of Trump's actions, but the president vetoed the resolution.

This time, Republicans warn the numbers could be higher against the president — possibly a veto-proof majority in the Senate. But it's unclear the president could be blocked in the House

where Republicans may be less likely to oppose him.

Democrats — and some Republicans — doubt the tariffs will ever take effect. Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said Tuesday that "Trump has a habit of talking tough and then retreating."

Trump struck back against Schumer on Twitter, insisting the tariff threat was "no bluff."

Earlier Tuesday, Trump claimed "millions of people" are entering the U.S. through Mexico and criticized congressional Democrats for not passing new laws. He said, "Mexico should not allow millions of people to try and enter our country." It is unclear what more Mexico can do — and what would be enough — to satisfy Trump on illegal immigration, a signature issue of his presidency. The United States has not presented concrete benchmarks to assess whether the U.S. ally is sufficiently stemming the migrant flow from Central America. Mexico calls the potential tariffs hurtful to the economies of both countries and useless to slow the northbound flow of Central American migrants. □

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Deaths from falls among older Americans are on the rise

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — New research shows fatal falls have nearly tripled in older Americans in recent years, rising to more than 25,000 deaths yearly.

Elizabeth Burns, a study co-author and health scientist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's injury center. She noted that some medications also make older adults prone to falls. That

lands and other European countries. Weight-bearing exercise such as walking; balance exercises; and resistance exercises to strengthen muscles can also reduce risks for falls, said Dr. Marco

Pahor of the University of Florida's aging and geriatric research department, who wrote an accompanying journal editorial. The program studied in the second study involved exercises three times a week

at home for a year, with five sessions led by a physical therapist. These include seated and standing leg lifts, knee bends and backward walking, plus walking half an hour at least twice weekly. □



In this Nov. 6, 2015 file photo, an elderly couple walks down a hall of a nursing home in Easton, Pa.

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The findings highlight the importance of fall prevention. A separate study bolsters evidence that programs focusing on improving muscle strength and balance can help achieve that goal.

Both studies were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Circumstances weren't included in the data, but traumatic brain injuries and hip fractures leading to steep health declines are among causes of death in older adults who fall.

"Deaths from falls may have increased because older people are living longer, living longer independently, and are living longer with chronic conditions," said

includes prescription drugs affecting balance. Burns said research shows their use of certain psychiatric medications that can cause drowsiness and vision problems has increased substantially in recent years.

The new analysis included 16 years of U.S. vital statistics data on adults aged 75. Fatal falls increased from 8,600 in 2000 to 25,190 in 2016. Separate CDC data show they climbed even higher in 2017, to almost 26,440 fatal falls in Americans aged 75 and older.

The rate in the study more than doubled, from 51 fatal falls per 100,000 people to 122 falls per 100,000. The results echo studies of fatal fall trends in the Nether-



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White House tells 2 ex-aides to defy congressional subpoena

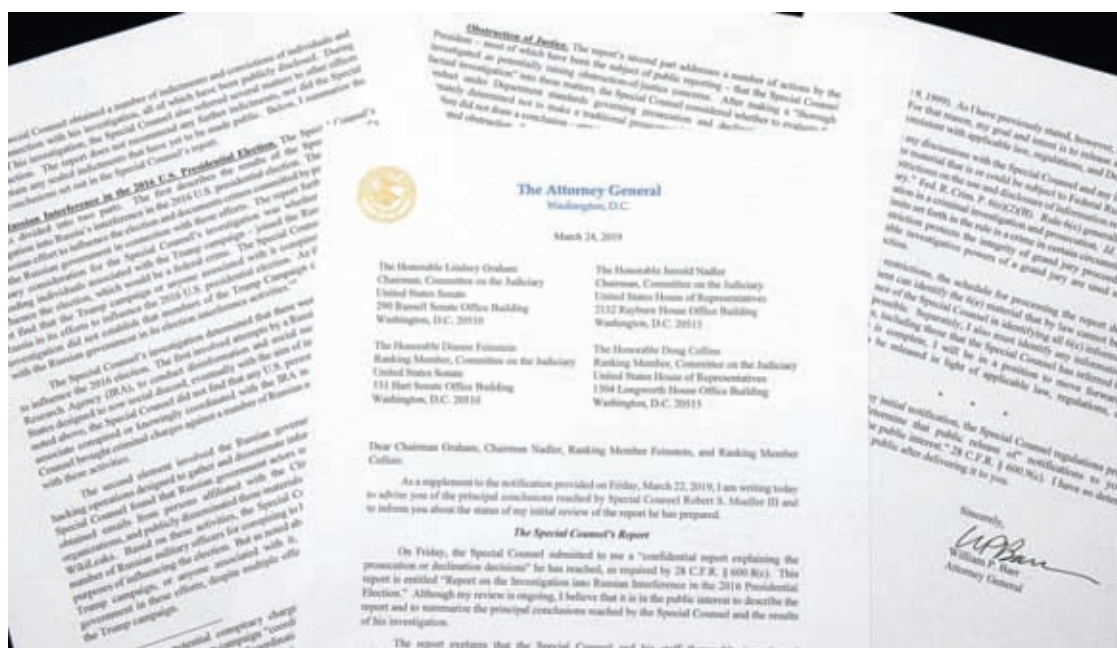
By MARY CLARE JALONICK and LISA MASCARO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Tuesday again directed former employees not to cooperate with a congressional investigation, this time instructing former aides Hope Hicks and Annie Donaldson to defy subpoenas and refuse to provide documents to the House Judiciary Committee.

The letters from the White House to the Judiciary panel are the latest effort by the White House to thwart congressional investigations into President Donald Trump. Trump has said he will fight "all of the subpoenas" as Democrats have launched multiple probes into his administration and personal financial affairs. House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler issued subpoenas for documents and testimony from Hicks, former White House communications director, and Donaldson, a former aide in the White House counsel's office, last month. Both are mentioned frequently in special counsel Robert Mueller's report, along with former White House counsel Donald McGahn. The White House has also directed McGahn to refuse to provide documents or testify before the committee.

Mueller's investigation concluded that Russia interfered in the 2016 election in hopes of getting Trump elected, though his report said there was not enough evidence to establish a conspiracy between Russia and the Trump campaign. Last week Mueller emphasized he had not exonerated Trump on the question of whether he obstructed justice — in effect leaving it to Congress to decide



In this March 24, 2019, file photo, a copy of a letter from Attorney General William Barr advising Congress of the principal conclusions reached by special counsel Robert Mueller, is photographed in Washington. Barr is defending his short summary of special counsel Robert Mueller's report on his Russia investigation.

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what to do with his findings. In a letter to Nadler, White House counsel Pat Cipollone said Hicks and Donaldson "do not have the legal right" to disclose White House documents to the panel. Cipollone said requests for the records should be directed to the White House, adding that they remain "legally protected from disclosure under longstanding constitutional principles, because they implicate significant executive branch confidentiality interests and executive privilege."

In a letter obtained by The Associated Press, Hicks' lawyer wrote Nadler on Tuesday and confirmed that she would be withholding documents in her possession, as well as her lawyers' possession, from her tenure at the White House as well as some from the transition period. The lawyer, Robert Trout, said in the letter that they would not provide those materials because they were not authorized by the White House or the transition and there were

"institutional interests at stake."

Trout said they would provide documents from Hicks' time on the Trump campaign, however, and said she had also previously provided some documents in March, after Nadler sent out his original requests for information.

In directing witnesses not to comply, the White House has frequently cited executive privilege, or the power to keep information from the courts, Congress and the public to protect the confidentiality of the Oval Office decision-making process.

But that only extends so far. Nadler said in a statement that while the White House had instructed the former aides not to turn over materials, Hicks has agreed to turn over some documents related to her time on Trump's presidential campaign. Those materials are not covered by executive privilege.

Nadler said he thanked Hicks for "that show of good faith." But it was unclear

how much material the committee would receive.

The committee is arguing that the documents would not be covered by executive privilege if they left the White House months ago.

"The president has no lawful basis for preventing these witnesses from complying with our request," Nadler said. "We will continue to seek reasonable accommodation on these and all our discovery requests and intend to press these issues when we obtain the testimony of both Ms. Hicks and Ms. Donaldson."

The subpoenas also demanded that Hicks appear for a public hearing on June 19 and that Donaldson appear for a deposition on June 24. They have not yet said whether they will appear.

As the White House has pushed back on the investigations, some Democrats have ramped up their calls for Nadler to open an impeachment inquiry, arguing it would improve congressional standing in the courts as they try to

enforce subpoenas. But House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has been reluctant to launch impeachment proceedings, despite a growing number in her caucus who have called for it.

On Tuesday, progressive groups expressed "deep disappointment" over Pelosi's unwillingness and called on her to act, according to a letter obtained by The Associated Press. The groups said in the letter that voters gave Democrats control of the House "because they wanted aggressive oversight of the Trump administration."

Pelosi says impeachment requires more public support and would detract from the legislative agenda. She has instead favored a slower, more methodical effort.

As part of that approach, the House is expected next week to hold McGahn and Attorney General William Barr, who has refused to turn over the full Mueller report, in contempt of Congress. The resolution scheduled for a June 11 vote will allow the Judiciary Committee to seek court enforcement of its subpoenas.

With that vote approaching, the Justice Department sent a letter to Nadler Tuesday with a final offer to resume negotiations over access to redacted portions of the Mueller report and underlying documents — but only if the Judiciary panel nullifies its May vote to recommend contempt for Barr and cancels the June 11 vote in the full House.

Nadler rejected that offer, saying: "We urge you to return to the accommodation process without conditions. We are ready to begin negotiating immediately." □

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U.S. court weighs if climate change violates children's rights

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — In a courtroom packed with environmental activists, federal judges wrestled Tuesday with whether climate change violates the constitutional rights of young people who have sued the U.S. government over the use of fossil fuels.

A Justice Department attorney warned three judges from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that allowing the case to go to trial would be unprecedented and open the doors to more lawsuits.

"This case would have earth-shattering consequences," Assistant Attorney General Jeffrey Clark said.

He called the lawsuit "a direct attack on the separation of powers" and said the 21 young people who filed it want the courts to direct U.S. energy policy, instead of government officials.

The young people are pressing the government to stop promoting the use of fossil fuels, saying sources like coal and oil cause climate change and violate their Fifth Amendment rights to life, liberty and property.

The judges seemed to feel the enormity of the case, which the plaintiffs' lawyer compared in scope to the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling that mandated desegregation of schools in the 1950s.

If the case moves for-



Supporters attend a rally Tuesday, June 4, 2019 for a group of young people who filed a lawsuit saying U.S. energy policies are causing climate change and hurting their future.

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ward, the judiciary would be "dealing with different branches of government and telling them what to do," said Judge Andrew Hurwitz, instead of issuing court orders telling officials to stop doing something deemed unconstitutional. The dire threat to people, particularly the young, demands such action, said Julia Olson, chief legal counsel for Our Children's Trust, which is representing the plaintiffs.

"When our great-grandchildren look back on the 21st century, they will see that government-sanctioned climate destruction was

the constitutional issue of this century," Olson told the judges.

The lawsuit asks the courts to declare federal energy policy that contributes to climate change unconstitutional, order the government to quickly phase out carbon dioxide emissions to a certain level by 2100 and mandate a national climate recovery plan. The Obama and Trump administrations have tried to get the case dismissed since it was filed in Oregon in 2015.

"It's just really disappointing to see the lengths that they go to — to not only not

let us get the remedy that we're seeking, but not even let us have the chance to prove our facts or present our case at trial," said Nathan Baring, a 19-year-old from Fairbanks, Alaska, who joined the lawsuit when he was 15.

Baring said a social media campaign in the early days featured the hashtag #KidsvsGov, which was changed to #YouthvsGov as they got older.

"I think eventually it's just going to have to be #Adults-vsGov," Baring said, laughing.

As the case drags on, sea ice that protects coastal

Alaska communities from fierce storms is forming later in the year, leaving those villages vulnerable, he said. The young people argue that government officials have known for more than 50 years that carbon pollution from fossil fuels causes climate change and that policies promoting oil and gas deprive them of their constitutional rights.

Lawyers for President Donald Trump's administration say the young people didn't find any "historical basis for a fundamental right to a stable climate system or any other constitutional right related to the environment."

The lawsuit says the young are more vulnerable to serious effects from climate change in the future. The American Academy of Pediatrics, 14 other health organizations and nearly 80 scientists and doctors agreed in a brief filed with the appeals court.

They pointed out that the World Health Organization estimates 88% of the global health burden of climate change falls on children younger than 5.

The case has become a focal point for many youth activists, and the courtroom in Portland was packed.

If the 9th Circuit judges decide the lawsuit can move forward, it would go before the U.S. District Court in Eugene, where the case was filed. The appeals court judges will rule later. □

San Francisco to force treatment on mentally ill drug users

By JANIE HAR
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco officials decided Tuesday to force some people with serious mental illness and drug addiction into treatment, even if it goes against the spirit of a city known for its fierce protection of civil rights. Several members of the Board of Supervisors voiced deep concerns Tuesday about the possibility of taking away a person's civil liberties, but the proposal for a pilot program passed 10-1.

Mayor London Breed and other supporters say the move — known as conservatorship — is necessary to help people who are often homeless, addicted to drugs and have a mental illness, making them a danger to themselves.

"Allowing people to continue to suffer on our streets is not acceptable or humane, and I am glad the Board of Supervisors sup-



In this March 1, 2016, file photo, San Francisco police officers wait while homeless people collect their belongings in San Francisco.

Associated Press

ported our approach to finally make a change," Breed said in a statement after the vote. The measure would apply to a handful of people, the city's department of public health estimated, although the number would grow under legislation pending at the state level.

Supervisor Shamann Walton was the sole no vote, saying the city didn't have plans in place to reduce

the impact on African American people and other minorities who tend to have negative run-ins with police. Several supervisors decided to give the pilot program a try after changes were made that require providers to give the person multiple opportunities to accept voluntary help. They also were encouraged by Breed including more money for additional

treatment beds in a proposed budget.

"By all accounts, the number of people affected will be small, but no matter how small the number, we all need to be watching closely to make sure the impacts are positive," said Supervisor Vallie Brown, a co-sponsor of the proposal. Critics call the measure politically driven and a violation of civil rights that runs against the principles of

the liberal city. They say it would lead to locking up people in facilities and that San Francisco lacks the resources to successfully expand the number of people in such a program.

"We are concerned about ensuring that persons receive mental health treatment and services in their communities, in supportive housing, in supportive environments — and not in facilities," said Curt Child, legislative director of Disability Rights California.

"This is a major civil rights issue in the sense of confining people against their will," he said.

San Francisco struggles with income inequality and a growing number of homeless people — some with disturbing behavior tied to drugs, schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. They shuffle from the streets to jail and psychiatric care, unaware they need steady treatment, sometimes dashing into traffic or screaming at strangers. □

New York poised to become first state to ban cat declawing

By DAVID KLEPPER
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York would be the first state in the U.S. to ban the declawing of cats under legislation approved by lawmakers at the request of cat owners, animal welfare advocates and many veterinarians who call the procedure cruel and needless. The bill, which would subject veterinarians to \$1,000 fines for performing the operation, now heads to the desk of Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, whose representatives said he will review the bill before deciding if he will sign it.

"Cats of New York: Show me your claws" said Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal, D-Manhattan, who pushed the bill for years despite the opposition the state's largest veterinary society. She called cat declawing "barbaric and inhumane."

Declawing a cat is already illegal in much of Europe and in several Canadian



In this Friday, May 20, 2016, file photo, Dr. Richard Goldstein, chief medical officer at the Animal Medical Center, checks on one of his patients at the hospital's clinic in New York.

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provinces, as well as in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Denver, but no other U.S. state has voted to ban the procedure, which involves amputating a cat's toes back to the first knuckle.

Unlike human nails, a cat's claws are attached to bone, so declawing a feline requires a veterinar-

ian to slice through tendon and nerves to remove the last segment of bone in a cat's toes. Supporters of the ban cite estimates that a quarter or more of all domestic cats in the U.S. have had the procedure.

The New York State Veterinary Medical Society had opposed the bill, arguing

that declawing should be allowed as a last resort for felines that won't stop scratching furniture or humans — or when the cat's owner has a weakened immune system, putting them at greater risk of infection from a scratch.

"Medical decisions should be left to the sound discretion of fully trained, licensed and state supervised professionals," the society said in a memo opposing the legislation.

Under the bill, which easily passed the Democrat-led Senate and Assembly, veterinarians could still perform the procedure for medical reasons, such as infection or injury.

Veterinarian Michelle Brownstein stopped performing declawing operations 15 years ago at her Rochester-area animal hospital when she said she became convinced the procedure leaves cats with lifelong problems. Some declawed cats exhibit be-

havioral issues, she said, while others struggle with chronic pain at the amputation site.

"The end result is a barbaric procedure that results in the mutilation of the animal," she said. "Frankly, if you're worried about your furniture, then you shouldn't be getting a cat."

Now, when a cat owner asks about the procedure, Brownstein said she discusses alternatives, such as routine nail care, scratching posts or even tiny plastic caps that can be placed over a cat's nails.

There was little vocal opposition in the Senate, which passed the bill 50-12, or in the Assembly, where the preliminary vote was 92-27. But some lawmakers spoke out against the measure, saying declawing should be kept legal for rare cases in which cat scratches could pose a hazard to owners with weakened immune systems or other medical issues. □

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Florida deputy charged for inaction during Parkland shooting

By CURT ANDERSON and
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Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — The Florida deputy who knew a gunman was loose at the Parkland high school but refused to go inside to confront the assailant was arrested Tuesday on 11 criminal charges related to his inaction during the massacre that killed 17 people. Scot Peterson was on duty as the resource officer at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on the day of the February 2018 shooting but never entered the building while bullets were flying. He was charged with child neglect, culpable negligence and perjury — allegations that carry a maximum prison sentence of nearly 100 years. Peterson was seen on surveillance video rushing with two staff members toward the building where the shooting happened. When they arrived, he pulled his weapon and went forward but then retreated and took up a position outside, where he stood with his gun drawn.

The charges follow a 14-month investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, which conducted interviews with 184 witnesses, reviewed hours of surveillance videos

and compiled 212 investigative reports, the agency said.

Peterson "did absolutely nothing to mitigate" the shooting, FDLE Commissioner Rick Swearingen said in a statement. "There can be no excuse for his complete inaction and no question that his inaction cost lives." Lori Alhadeff, whose 14-year-old daughter, Alyssa, was killed, said she was surprised to hear of Peterson's arrest. She recalled sending a text to her daughter when she heard there was shooting.

"I told her to hide, that help was on the way. Well, Peterson was that help, but he froze, and he failed us all that day," Alhadeff said. "He was supposedly the good guy with the gun who was supposed to go in and meet the threat, and he let us all down."

Tony Montalto, whose daughter Gina Montalto, also 14, died in the attack, said families wanted justice to be done.

"We are happy to see some accountability for this tragedy," said Montalto, president of the Stand With Parkland victim families' group. Peterson, 56, was jailed on \$102,000 bail. If released, he will be required to wear a GPS monitor and surrender his passport and will be

prohibited from possessing a gun, the prosecutor said. His lawyer, Joseph DiRuzzo III, said in a statement that Peterson is merely a scapegoat. He called the charges "a thinly veiled attempt at politically motivated retribution."

"We will vigorously defend against these spurious charges that lack basis in fact and law," he said, arguing that Peterson was not a caregiver, which he said the law defines as a parent, adult household member or other person responsible for a child's welfare. "The definition of 'other person responsible for a child's welfare' expressly

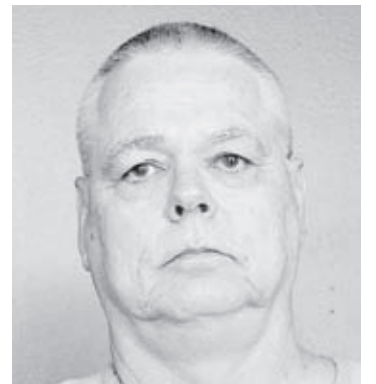
excludes law enforcement officers acting in an official capacity."

It was not immediately clear when Peterson would make his initial court appearance. That typically occurs the day after an arrest.

Sen. Rick Scott, a Republican who was Florida governor at the time of the shooting, initiated the law enforcement probe and said Tuesday in a statement that he was glad the investigation was finished.

"Now it's time for justice to be served," Scott said.

After the shooting, Peterson took retirement rather than accept a suspension. □



This undated photo provided by the Broward County, Fla., Sheriff's Office shows Scot Peterson, a former Florida deputy who stood outside instead of confronting the gunman during last year's Parkland school massacre was arrested Tuesday, June 4, 2019, on 11 criminal charges related to his inaction.

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Trump baby blimp flies in London as protests greet president

By JILL LAWLESS

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of protesters greeted President Donald Trump's U.K. visit with anger and British irony Tuesday, crowding London's government district while the U.S. leader met Prime Minister Theresa May nearby.

Feminists, environmentalists, peace activists, trade unionists and others demonstrated against the lavish royal welcome being given to a president they see as a danger to the world, chanting "Say it loud, say it clear, Donald Trump's not welcome here."

"I'm very cross he's here," said guitar teacher Katie Greene, carrying a home-made sign reading "keep your grabby hands off our national treasures" under a picture of one of Queen Elizabeth II's corgis.

"I find him scary. My sign is flippant and doesn't say



People carry signs and banners as they march through central London to demonstrate against the state visit of President Donald Trump, Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

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the things I'd really like to say."

A day of protests began

with the flying of a giant blimp depicting the president as an angry orange

baby, which rose from the grass of central London's Parliament Square.

One group came dressed in the red cloaks and bonnets of characters from Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale," which is set in a dystopian, misogynist future America.

Demonstrators filled Trafalgar Square and spilled down Whitehall, a street lined with imposing government offices, before marching half a mile to Parliament.

Many paused to photograph a robotic likeness of Trump sitting on a golden toilet, cellphone in hand. The robot caught the attention of passers-by with its recitation of catchphrases including "No collusion" and "You are fake news."

"It's 16 feet high, so it's as large as his ego," said Don Lessem from Philadelphia, who built the statue from foam over an iron frame and had it shipped by boat across the Atlantic. □

Spanish court halts government plan to exhume Franco



In this Nov. 20, 2014 file photo, flowers lay on the tomb of Spanish former dictator General Francisco Franco in a mausoleum in the Valle de los Caídos (Valley of the Fallen), near Madrid, Spain.

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MADRID (AP) — Spain's Supreme Court on Tuesday temporarily halted the government's plan to move the remains of Gen. Francisco Franco to a discreet tomb next week, because judges have yet to rule on appeals by the dictator's descendants.

The announcement was a setback for Pedro Sánchez, the Socialist leader who last month won a new term as prime minister.

Sánchez had wanted to exhume the former dictator from the Valley of the

Fallen, a self-aggrandizing mausoleum, on June 10 and move the embalmed body to a public cemetery in the outskirts of Madrid.

The plan has been lauded by Spaniards on the left but infuriated others nostalgic for the dictatorship, and it has drawn criticism from Spain's center-right political parties, who consider it unnecessary. Sánchez has met opposition from Franco's relatives and the abbot of the basilica within the huge mausoleum complex where the dictator was buried in 1975.

Judges say that if their appeals are successful, returning the general's remains to the mausoleum could damage public respect for national institutions.

Luis Felipe Utrera, a lawyer for the Franco family, said Franco's descendants were "satisfied" by Tuesday's decision. "The government wanted to move Franco's body as if it was a piece of furniture," Utrera told Spanish public broadcaster TVE, adding that the government was failing because it's acting "out of a political motivation." □



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Poland's democracy anniversary exposes political divisions

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland marked Tuesday the 30-year anniversary of partly-free elections that contributed to the fall of communism, with the country still divided over its legacy.

The country's liberal opposition argues that the 1989 vote was a milestone event in Poland's transition into a European democracy. In that election, communist authorities made a portion of parliamentary seats available to candidates from the Solidarity movement that had opposed the regime during the 1980s.

In the election, Poles voted heavily for Solidarity candidates over communists in a clear sign that they wanted a change of power. That vote accelerated the fall of communism in Poland later in 1989, and fueled the wave of revolutions in eastern Europe over the following year or two.

"Poland showed to Europe and to the whole world



Poland's opposition politicians, including former presidents Bronisław Komorowski, center, and Aleksander Kwaśniewski along with European Council head Donald Tusk, flash Victory signs as they celebrate 30 years since parliamentary elections that ousted communists from power, in Gdansk, Poland, Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

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that you can build a democracy without violence or bloodshed," European Council leader Donald Tusk said during ceremonies in his hometown of Gdansk. Tusk was a Solidarity activist and served as Poland's prime minister from 2007-

2014.

But leaders from Poland's right-wing Law and Justice government stress that the 1989 elections were flawed as they stemmed from a deal that allowed the communists to preserve some influence under democ-

racy.

That argument holds little sway with the government's opponents who argue that under Law and Justice hard-earned changes are now under threat, notably the country's relationship with the European Union.

Many of the government's opponents, who include Tusk and former president Lech Wałęsa were celebrating the milestone with a debate, a ceremonial declaration and a cake in Gdansk, the cradle of the pro-democracy Solidarity movement in the 1980s.

"We would not be celebrating democracy today if it had not been for those elections," Wałęsa said. "The people in power now should also remember they would not be there if not for that victory."

Tusk encouraged a wide union of opposition forces to defeat the ruling party in the fall parliamentary elections. Last month's elections to the European Parliament gave victory to Law and Justice, because the opposition "wasn't united well enough or broadly enough," Tusk said.

"You can always count on me," he said, which some understood as a readiness to return to Polish politics. □

Tens of thousands rally to demand Czech premier resign

PRAGUE (AP) — Tens of thousands rallied in the Czech capital on Tuesday to demand the resignation of embattled Prime Minister Andrej Babiš amid accusations he's in a conflict of interests over his former business empire.

Babiš, a populist billionaire, has already been under pressure after Czechs have rallied in great numbers in Prague and elsewhere in recent weeks. They are protesting the appointment of his new justice minister who they say might compromise the legal system at a time when prosecutors have to decide whether to indict Babiš over alleged fraud involving European Union

funds in a separate case.

The protesters in downtown Wenceslas Square turned against Babiš in one of the biggest anti-government protests since the 1989 Velvet Revolution, days after a preliminary confidential EU report said Babiš was still the beneficiary of his Agrofert conglomerate of more than 200 companies.

"We demand the resignation of Andrej Babiš," rally organizer Mikuláš Minář told the crowd.

"Resign, resign," and "We had enough," the protesters chanted.

Babiš, who denies wrongdoing, called the report an attack on his country.

Babiš was required to trans-

fer ownership of his businesses to two trust funds in February 2017.

The preliminary report leaked to multiple Czech media outlets in recent days concluded he still formally controls the businesses and is in a position to influence the EU subsidies they receive. "I would never do anything like that," Babiš told lawmakers in the lower house of parliament during a session on this issue earlier in the day. "I'm not a fool." Babiš called the EU findings untrue and called the report "an attack on the Czech Republic, an attack on Czech interests, a destabilization of the Czech Republic." □



Protesters shout slogans downtown Prague, Czech Republic, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, demanding the resignation of justice minister, Marie Benesova and saying the new minister might compromise the legal system at a time when prosecutors have to decide whether to indict Prime Minister Andrej Babiš over alleged fraud involving European Union funds.

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A secret pay raise by Cabinet angers Palestinian public

By **MOHAMMED DARAGH-MEH**

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

— The Palestinian labor market in the West Bank was limping along in 2017, with unemployment stubbornly high and economic growth slowing. But that didn't stop the Palestinian Cabinet from secretly giving itself a series of lavish payouts and perks, highlighted by a 67% salary hike. The payments and perks were kept quiet for the past two years, but news of the Cabinet decision leaked this week in a series of documents posted anonymously to social media.

The revelations have rocked the West Bank, where the cash-strapped government has been forced to slash the salaries of its employees because of a financial crisis. Coming during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, a time of high expenses for struggling families, the report renewed outrage among Palestinians who have long seen their leadership as out of touch and rife with corruption.

"The cabinet members behaved as if the government is their private shop and they can take as much as they want without being held accountable," said political commentator



In this April 29, 2019, file photo, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, center, chairs a session of the weekly cabinet meeting in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

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Ehab Jareri.

According to one leaked document, the monthly salaries for Cabinet ministers spiked from \$3,000 to \$5,000, while the prime minister's salary was raised to \$6,000.

The raises were kept secret from the public and approved by President Mahmoud Abbas, two senior officials said, overriding a 2004 law that fixed ministers' salaries. The officials

spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the issue with the media.

The pay raise was made retroactive to 2014, when the Cabinet took office, giving the ministers an extra bonus of tens of thousands of dollars, the officials said. The benefits did not end there. Ministers who live outside the West Bank city of Ramallah, the seat of the Palestinian Authority,

received \$10,000 a year to rent a house there, another document showed. Officials who already owned Ramallah homes also reaped the lucrative bonus. And in an extra boost, the government inflated the exchange rate, giving them a roughly 17% premium when converting the salaries to Israeli shekels. Cabinet members already enjoy government compensation for personal driv-

ers and international travel expenses.

The documents were viewed by The Associated Press and authenticated by the Palestinian officials. After years in office, Abbas has seen his popularity plummet. People are disillusioned by his failure to deliver an independent state, his loss of the Gaza Strip to the rival Hamas movement and general economic malaise. Unemployment in the West Bank is near 20%, and a typical salary for those who do work, such as civil servants, is roughly \$700 to \$1,000 a month.

The leaked documents have sparked widespread outrage on Palestinian social media, with critics branding the government a "farm" or "shop" for top officials. Amid the outrage, the Palestinian Authority has been forced to respond.

Newly appointed Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh, a longtime adviser to Abbas, has suspended the pay raises and referred the issue to Abbas "to review it and take legal measures." While the issue is investigated, ministers will receive half their salaries, like most other government employees, according to government spokesman Ibrahim Milhim. □

Gunman out on parole kills 4 in Australian city of Darwin

By **ROD McGUIRK**

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— A man who was out on parole was arrested after fatally shooting four men and wounding a woman in an hour-long downtown rampage Tuesday in the northern Australian city of Darwin, police said.

Police did not reveal a motive for the shotgun attack, but ruled out terrorism.

It was Australia's third mass shooting since the country introduced tough gun laws in response to a 1996 massacre in which a lone gunman armed with two semi-automatic assault rifles killed 35 people in Tasmania state. Mass shootings are usually defined as

those resulting in at least four deaths excluding the shooter.

In Tuesday's rampage, four men were killed and a woman was wounded at five places around Darwin, said Northern Territory Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw.

The 45-year-old suspect was released from prison on parole in January and was wearing an electronic monitoring bracelet, Kershaw said. Police did not say why he had been in prison or whether the bracelet helped police arrest him.

"He is an individual who's well known to police and has a number of interactions adverse with the po-

lice," Kershaw said.

The woman who was wounded did not have serious injuries, he said.

The Health Department had earlier said two people were taken to a hospital with gunshot wounds and both were in stable condition. It was not immediately clear if the second victim had been injured in an unrelated shooting.

Kershaw said the man was arrested after he contacted a senior police officer. An Australian Broadcasting Corp. reporter said she saw police tackle and taser the gunman at a busy intersection.

Kershaw did not explain why the suspect was being held under police guard in



In this image made from video, police proceed to apprehend a suspect on the ground next to a white truck, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in Darwin Australia.

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a hospital. The suspect had yet to be charged. Northern Territory Chief Minister Michael Gunner described the incident as an "incredibly difficult night."

"This is not the Darwin we know," Gunner said. "This may be an event you prepare for, but this is never an event you want to respond to." □

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China issues travel alerts, slams US 'interference'

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BEIJING (AP) — China issued a pair of travel warnings for the U.S. on Tuesday and slammed what it called "interference" in its internal affairs.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang accused the U.S. of acting in bad faith in trade negotiations and said any attempts to interfere or undermine China's stability would be "doomed to fail."

The volleys of criticism between the two largest economies leave them further than ever from resolving their standoff over U.S. complaints that Beijing resorts to unfair trade practices and unscrupulous methods to obtain advanced technologies.

The Chinese comments followed a statement from the U.S. Trade Representative and Treasury Department late Monday criticizing a Chinese "white paper" report that defended Bei-



In this Oct. 10, 2018, file photo, a traveler pushes his luggage beneath large Chinese flags hanging from the ceiling in Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport in Shenzhen in southern China's Guangdong province.

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jing's stance in the stalled trade negotiations.

"The white paper has made it very clear that every twist and turn in the China-US trade consultations were

caused by the U.S.'s flip-flops, violations of consensus, and bad faith," Geng said.

A travel warning issued by China's Foreign Ministry and

the Chinese Embassy and consulates in the U.S. said Chinese visitors have been interrogated, interviewed and subjected to other forms of what it called ha-

arrassment by U.S. law enforcement agencies.

It urged Chinese citizens and Chinese-funded bodies in the U.S. to step up their safety awareness and preventative measures and respond "appropriately and actively."

The alert, valid until Dec. 31, was "needed under the current circumstances," Geng said.

China's Ministry of Culture and Tourism also issued a travel alert on Tuesday, noting the high frequency of shootings, robberies and theft in the country. And on Monday, Chinese planning on studying in the U.S. were urged to assess the risks involved given tightened visa restrictions.

The statement posted on the USTR website accused Beijing of "unfair trade practices" that it said have cost the U.S. hundreds of billions of dollars and accused Beijing of pursuing "a blame game." □

Thailand's Democrats to vote to join coup leader's coalition

By KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's prime minister, who took power in a military coup five years ago, appears set to win a parliamentary vote Wednesday that will give him a second term in office.

The Democrat Party, the country's oldest, announced Tuesday that it will vote to join a coalition

government led by Prayuth Chan-ocha, candidate of the military-backed Palang Pracharath party.

Prayuth's election as prime minister was virtually assured even before the Democrats' decision, because the position requires a simple majority of a joint vote by the 500-seat House of Representatives and the 250-seat Senate, whose

members were appointed by the junta headed by Prayuth.

Palang Pracharath has enough allies to make Prayuth the prime minister. The Democrats' support makes it likely they will also have a majority in the lower house, which is necessary to pass legislation and approve budgets.

Uncertainty over who might

hold a majority in the lower house was extended because of the previous lack of a commitment on the part of the Democrats and the similarly sized Bhumjai Thai party, who were reported to be bargaining with Palang Pracharath over what Cabinet positions they would occupy. The pro-military coalition is opposed by the self-

named "Democratic Front," which comprises anti-military parties led by the Pheu Thai Party, which won the most lower house seats in the March general election. The election was run according to laws passed under Prayuth's government that were intended to handicap Pheu Thai, which headed the government ousted by the 2014 coup. □

Sudanese forces clamp down in capital, clash with protesters

By **BASSAM HATOUM**
SAMY MAGDY

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)

— Pro-democracy protesters defied Sudan's military rulers Tuesday, carrying out scattered demonstrations around the capital of Khartoum as security forces — including one of the most feared military units — fanned out in large numbers and clashed with opponents in the streets.

The protest movement aimed to show it can keep up the pressure in its confrontation with the generals, one day after security forces cleared the demonstrators' main sit-in camp in Khartoum in a bloody crackdown that activists say killed at least 35 people.

Worshippers across the capital early Tuesday marked the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr, closing the fasting month of Ramadan. Their Eid prayers on streets outside mosques turned into short political rallies, with some chanting, "Freedom, peace, justice and civilian government are the people's choice."

Heavy clashes erupted in the afternoon as security forces put down smaller protests in neighborhoods around the city. Organizers said at least two people were killed: a 14-year-old boy shot to death at a protest and a woman who



In this frame grab from video provided by Sudan TV, Lieutenant General Abdel-Fattah Burhan, head of the Sudanese Transitional Military Council, TMC, makes a broadcast announcement in Khartoum, Sudan, Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

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was hit by a stray bullet in her home as security forces opened fire outside.

Security forces clamped down by sending large numbers of troops to patrol main avenues, activists said. A convoy of more than two dozen pick-up trucks stretched the length of al-Mashtal Street, a main commercial boulevard, each carrying six or seven fighters standing in the back, rifles at the ready, according to a photo online.

An online video showed dozens of gunmen from the Rapid Support Forces, their faces hidden by black

masks, firing rifles in the air as they advanced on foot down a residential street in the central Bahri district.

The crackdown is largely being spearheaded by the RSF, an elite unit that human rights groups say carried out rapes, torture and killings of civilians in Sudan's Darfur region.

The force, headed by the deputy head of the ruling military council, Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, grew out of the Janjaweed militias used by the government in its suppression of the Darfur insurgency in a campaign that prompted charges of genocide

against its perpetrators.

"Fall tonight, you and your Janjaweed," a group of several hundred men, women and children were seen chanting in an online video at one of Tuesday's protests.

The heaviest clashes erupted in Bahri district. There, young men set up small barricades of stones and metal fences and RSF fighters moved in, firing tear gas and live ammunition, said Mohammed Najib, a protester.

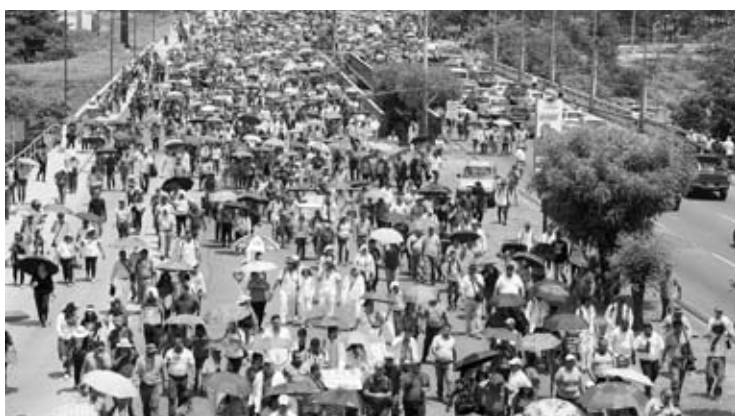
"Life is almost suspended in Bahri. The revolutionaries and RSF closed off the streets," he said.

At least eight people, including a 5-year-old child, were wounded by bullets in various clashes, said Nazim Sirraj, a leading activist. The protest movement's Doctors Committee said it was unable to track the total number of casualties because of poor internet communications.

Monday's bloody dispersal of the sit-in poses a new challenge to the protest movement, which now aims to show it can keep up pressure in the streets after its central rallying point was wiped out. In April, the movement succeeded in forcing the military to remove Sudan's longtime strongman, Omar al-Bashir. It then kept its sit-in going, demanding that the generals who took power hand over authority to civilians.

"We have no choice but to continue our protests and civil disobedience until the fall of the military council," said Mohammed Yousef al-Mustafa, a spokesman for the Sudanese Professionals Association, which has spearheaded the protests. For weeks, the military and protest leaders were negotiating over the makeup of a transitional council meant to run the country for three years before elections. Protesters demand that civilians dominate the council, but the generals have resisted. □

Honduras street protests go on despite laws' cancellation



Public sector employees march to protest the government of Honduras' President Juan Orlando Hernandez, accusing Hernández of trying to privatize the health and education systems, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Monday, June 3, 2019.

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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Thousands of teach-

ers and doctors in Honduras joined in street protests again Monday despite the

president's cancellation of decrees that they feared would lead to extensive layoffs.

Public sector employees have been marching for weeks, accusing President Juan Orlando Hernández of trying to privatize the health and education systems.

Hernández said early Monday that the laws were withdrawn "for the peace of Honduras." He urged those striking to return to work and to sit down with the government "to build a new model that improves health and education for the people."

Strike leader Suyapa Figueroa, who is president of the medical college, said protesters don't trust the government. She said her group, the Platform for the Defense of Health and Education, was not invited to meetings with Hernández.

Carlos Izaguirre, a leader of the protesting teachers, accused teachers who apparently met with Hernández of "turning their backs on the base of the strike." In the capital, many schools remained closed and hundreds of people seeking care at the Hospital Escuela Universitario, the

country's main public hospital, were turned away.

Presidential minister Ebal Díaz said, "The doctors and teachers want to burn the country, but this is not the way to do it."

Police were investigating the burning of a miles-long caravan of semi-trailers hauling bananas for the U.S. fruit company Dole. The trucks were apparently looted and burned over the weekend on a highway 250 miles (400 kilometers) north of the capital.

On Friday, protesters burned tires at the entrance to the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa. □



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Plain Awesome

In the neighborhoods back home he worked with children and set up shows containing dancing, drama and acting. It was not always easy to motivate the youth and keep them off the streets, but he believes in perseverance. His biggest achievement was to teach children that are hearing impaired, but he managed to win competitions with them in the end. "It's all in the heart, one must enjoy life. We are not designed to understand everyone but we can appreciate the time we spend with each other." Imbert loves having fun and good times. Life in his opinion is about negative and positive, but the base is to be open and try to understand. "This job to me is plain awesome. Come to me for your exercise, if you want a change you do it." □

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Lecture: Time for Change

ORANJESTAD — The National Coordinator for Brahma Kumaris services in Suriname, sister Loes Bommel, lectures to different groups on spiritual topics, and also facilitates workshops on values in healthcare, in which she brings together her experiences in both medicine and spirituality. Thursday June 6th she will give a free lecture at the University of Aruba on the topic: Changes.

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Sister Loes Bommel hails from Suriname. She is a medical doctor, who from a young

age, had the ambition to study psychology and behavioral science. As a qualified doctor, her first practice was in Public Health. She later went on to specialize in Pediatrics. She retired in 2013 after serving the medical profession as pediatrician for over 21 years.

She joined the Brahma Kumaris in Suriname in 1993 and went on a spiritual journey. She is now the National Coordinator for Brahma Kumaris services in Suriname. Apart from her administrative role, she lectures to different groups on spiritual topics, and also facilitates workshops on values in healthcare, in which she brings together her experiences in both medicine and spirituality

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The Brahma Kumaris are a Hindu spiritual movement that originated in Hyderabad, Sindh, during the 1930s. The Brahma Kumaris (Sanskrit: "People of Brahma") movement was founded by Lekhraj Kripalani. The organization is affiliated with the United Nations and is known for the prominent role that women play in the movement.

It teaches a form of meditation that focuses on identity as souls, as opposed to bodies. They believe that all souls are intrinsically good and that God is the source of all goodness. They teach to transcend labels associated with the body, such as race, nationality, religion, and gender, and it aspires to establish a global culture based on what it calls "soul-consciousness".

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Recycle Workshop at Cosecha to celebrate World Environment Day



ORANJESTAD, ARUBA – In June, Cosecha together with the local artist Mijenou Tromp will highlight recycling of material in the Cosecha Creative Center in San Nicolas. Cosecha sells local, certified Arts & Crafts including a large amount of pieces that are made with recycled material. Moreover, Cosecha together with artists offers a variety of creative workshops where recycled material is regularly used to create a piece of art or craft.

In light of World Environment Day, that is being celebrated worldwide on June 5th, Cosecha offers a great recycle workshop on Friday June 7th. Under guidance of the local artist Mijenou Tromp, the participants will make a bracelet and earring set with soda cans pop tabs. Mijenou is an artist who recycles as much as possible and this shows in her creations. Cosecha supports ideas and work where recycling is the philosophy and therefore Cosecha is very grateful that together with Mijenou we can offer this recycle workshop to the public.

The mission of this recycle workshop is not only to teach the craft but also to raise more awareness and inspire the public to recycle material as much as possible.

This creative workshop takes place from 05.00 pm – 07.00 pm. Price is 35.00 aruban guilders, which includes material and refreshment. Age 16 years and up can participate.

Registration is necessary at either Cosecha San Nicolas or Cosecha Oranjestad.

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Asi Es Mi Peru restaurant launches Chef Table 5 Course Menu: "It feels like having dinner at home in Peru"



EAGLE BEACH - Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas is the proud owner of a restaurant that without doubt serves the purest Peruvian specialties in Aruba: Asi Es Mi Peru at Paradise Beach Villas. She herself welcomes you in 'her home' as that is how the restaurant is described by Peruvian foodies: Food like home, for sure the best compliment a restaurant can get. "Everything here is 100 % Peruvian, we are authentic and ethnic." Peru by the way is considered to be the single most important cuisine in Latin America with a repertoire of dishes that might even beat France. Many big-name chefs travel to the country to get inspired.

How It All Started

"Many years ago during a Christmas gathering with family my mom told me why I did not open a Peru-

vian restaurant in Aruba. She said: who does not love Peruvian food?" That was the trigger for the start because Roxanne loves cooking, it is in her genes. Her mom and grandmother were great cooks. "My base principle was to do everything original and authentic. When guests come to this restaurant I want to serve them the food as if you were dining the best dishes in a house in Peru. The taste is equal, nothing is fused or changed. Many Peruvians that come here say: I feel like I am having dinner at home. It is very difficult to please Peruvians as naturally they know best what is authentic." To find her Chef and Sous Chef she went to Peru where she interviewed 190 applicants. "We had more than 400 people that applied, after a screening that my brother and I did, we were left with 190 and out of them 10 cooked for

me. I gave them a basket with ingredients and a certain plate they had to cook. Based on that I chose the Chef and Sous Chef."

Chef Table 5 Course Menu

Peruvian food is remarkable for the diversity of its ingredients. It might be best known for its ceviche, the marinated seafood dish, but best-sellers are also Lomo Saltado (stir fry strips sirloin), seafood rice and Pescado a lo Macho (fish of the day). Roxanne explains that recently the Chef launched a 5-course Chef Table Menu. "Now that we have standardized our typical Peruvian cuisine, we are ready to take it to the next level. Our Chef is very knowledgeable and we bring higher cuisine to the table." Of the 5 courses the first is the Tiradito Tres Regiones, and the 2nd the Majao de Yuca con Pargo Escabechado paired with a wonderful Santiago Ruiz Albarino; The 3rd plate is a Cremosa de Quinoa con Aji Relleno paired with a Hahn Pinot Noir, the 4th the Lomo con Salsa de Hongos Andinos paired with a Merlot Santa

Margarita, and the 5th a Crocante de Maracuya. Try this wonderful culinary experience!

Roxanne explains that the Peruvian food is influenced by different cultures. "A lot of people came from China to work in the sugar plantations, Japanese came to work in the rice fields and African immigrants brought their influences as well... that's why you see a fusion in the dishes. The typical food and plates from Peru mixed with these influences make up for an excellent cuisine. Our sushi for example is totally different than the standard sushi and we have so many pastas that are outside of Italian pastas. The variety of corn, more than 500 variety of potatoes... I can go on and on." I guess you will need to try it for yourself as Roxanne's place is unique. Asi Es Mi Peru is open every day from 12 noon - 10:30 pm. They are closed on Monday evening. Have a peak on their website <https://www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com/> or Facebook [asiesmiperu](https://www.facebook.com/asiesmiperu).



Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

Wednesday 05 Carnival Bingo

- Feeling lucky tonight? Try your luck at Aruba's hottest Bingo event of the week. Cash prizes, door prizes and fun guaranteed!!
- From 8:00PM
- Crystal Theatre at Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino.
- Facebook: Crystal Theatre at Renaissance



Sunday 09 Aruba National Invitational Artistic Swimming

- Artistic Swimming National Invitational competition for Age-group Figures, Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Team Artistic Swimming Routines.
- From 9:00AM – 11:30AM
- Olympic Pool Roly Bisslik, Savaneta
- Facebook: Barracudas Aruba



Thursday 06

Lecture: Time for Change

- Are we ready for inner change? Sister Loes Bemmels will be giving a lecture based on the fast changes we encounter nowadays and how to increase our level of security. She will bring together her experiences in both medicine and spirituality.
- From 5:30PM-7:00PM
- Garden 2, University of Aruba
- Facebook: University of Aruba



Monday 10

A trip back in time at the Community Museum

- Head up to San Nicolas and relive Aruba's History. The museum is housed in what was a store with living quarters above. The original tiles are on the floor and the artfully staged exhibits with original artifacts share the history of the store and the residents of the community. You can feel the history within the walls.
- From 9:00AM-6:00PM
- B.vn der Veen Zeppenfeldstraat 27, San Nicolas
- Facebook: Community Museum

Friday 07

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- Come and enjoy a unique experience with a 5-course dinner including Wine Pairing prepared by Michelin Chefs Francois Geurds, Erik van Loo, Edwin Vinke & Jermain de Rozario. They are ready to pamper you and s
- From 7:00PM
- Windows on Aruba, Divi Resort
- Facebook: Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort



Saturday 08

E-Aruba Seminar

- Join the fourth edition of E-seminar which combines local and international speakers. The Business Seminar will have international TOP Speakers. This year edition will be focused on: Social Media & Digital Marketing, Marketing Trends, Influencer & Video Marketing, Entrepreneurship Innovation, and much more. At the end of each presentation a panel discussion will be held with local professionals and a Q&A for the attendees.
- From 9:00AM-2:00PM
- Renaissance Convention Center
- Facebook: E-Aruba Seminar



Tuesday 11

Bon Bini festival

- Experience Aruba's culture and go back in time to the Old Aruba at this folkloric event.
- From 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
- Historical Museum of Aruba: Fort Zoutman
- Facebook: Bon Bini Festival Aruba

SPORTS



St. Louis Blues left wing Jaden Schwartz (17) and Boston Bruins defenseman Torey Krug (47) collide during the second period of Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final Monday, June 3, 2019, in St. Louis. The Blues won 4-2 to even the series 2-2.

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With Chara hurt, Bruins need help on D in Stanley Cup Game 5

BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — The Boston Bruins reached the Stanley Cup Final despite a run of regular-season injuries that prevented anyone on the roster from playing all 82 games.

Now comes the real test. The Bruins are preparing for Game 5 against the St. Louis Blues without captain and No. 1 defenseman Zdeno Chara, who did not return after he was hit in the face by a deflected puck on Monday night. The St. Louis Blues won 4-2 to even the series at two games apiece.

Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy offered no update on Chara's condition after arriving in Boston on Tuesday except to say the 2009 Norris Trophy winner was on his way to see a doctor. The fact that Chara returned for the third period wearing a full face shield — and never got back on the ice — suggests it is more than the lost tooth or busted lip that usually only keeps a hockey player out long enough to get it stitched up.

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STAN DOWN

Federer gets past Wawrinka, will face Nadal next in Paris

Switzerland's Roger Federer plays a shot against Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka during their quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

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Buehler, Seager held Dodgers beat Diamondbacks 3-1

By The Associated Press
PHOENIX (AP) — Walker Buehler pitched eight innings of two-hit ball and Corey Seager hit a three-run homer as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Arizona Diamondback 3-1 Monday in the opener of a three-game series.

The NL West-leading Dodgers won their sixth straight, improving to 42-19. The Diamondbacks saw their two-game winning streak halted.

Seager hit a full-count pitch from Arizona starter Robbie Ray (4-3) out to left-center field in the top of the fourth to break a scoreless tie. Justin Turner singled and David Freese walked with one out ahead of Seager's eight homer of the season.

Buehler (6-1) carried a no-hitter into the bottom of the fifth inning and got the first two outs before Christian Walker homered. Buehler struck out a season-high 11 without a walk for his first career win over the Diamondbacks.

Arizona failed to provide enough run support for Ray, who gave up three runs on six hits in seven innings and struck out nine.

Kenley Jansen worked the ninth inning for his 18th save in 20 chances. Arizona brought the tying run to the plate with two outs, but David Peralta popped out to end the game.

CUBS 8, ANGELS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Jon Lester allowed one run in seven innings, and Chicago beat Los Angeles in the makeup of a contest scheduled for April 14 that was postponed because of inclement weather.

Coming off three straight losses at St. Louis in which they scored six total runs, the Cubs broke loose with a five-run sixth inning. Javier Báez began the onslaught with a run-scoring double, one of his three RBIs, as Chicago picked up its second win in its past eight games. Lester (4-4) allowed four singles, walked one and struck out six, giving up his only run on a sacrifice fly by Jonathan Lucroy in the seventh. Former Cub Trevor Cahill (2-6) was charged

with five runs on six hits and two walks in 4 1/3 innings in relief of opener Cam Bedrosian. Cahill has one win in his last nine appearances. Báez and Willson Contreras homered off Luis Garcia in the seventh.

PADRES 8, PHILLIES 2

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Manny Machado hit a grand slam over Bryce Harper in the first showdown this season between the superstars who changed teams during spring training and San Diego beat NL East-leading Philadelphia.

It was Machado's 10th homer this season and first since May 14.

Machado's two-out slam off JD Hammer highlighted the seven-run sixth. After rookie Josh Naylor hit a two-run single to knock out

Aaron Nola (6-1), Hammer came on and walked Greg Garcia to load the bases. He struck out Franmil Reyes before Machado drove the next pitch over Harper's head and into the home run deck in right field.

Franmil Reyes homered in the fifth, his 17th, and Ian Kinsler hit a go-ahead double in the sixth.

Nola allowed six runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings, struck out three and walked three. San Diego's Eric Lauer (5-4) held the Phillies to one run and two hits in six innings, struck out three and walked three.

J.T. Realmuto homered in the seventh, his ninth. He also had an RBI single in the fourth.

ASTROS 4, MARINERS 2

SEATTLE (AP) — Robinson



Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Walker Buehler throws in the first inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, Monday, June 3, 2019, in Phoenix.

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Chirinos homered to cap a three-run first inning, Houston added an insurance run on a baffling play by Seattle's defense, and the Astros won for the sixth time

in seven games. Chirinos' eighth home run capped a first inning in which Seattle's decision to use Cory Gearrin as an opener backfired. □

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Here we go: Just like old times, Federer vs. Nadal in France

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Roger Federer knew when he returned to the French Open that, if things went exceedingly well, he eventually would find himself face-to-face with Rafael Nadal.

Here we go.

Just like old times.

Federer put away Stan Wawrinka after a 75-minute rain delay Tuesday, converting a break point for just the second time in 18 chances and quickly wrapping up a 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4 victory over his friend and Swiss countryman to reach the semifinals at Roland Garros.

And what a showdown comes next: Federer vs. Nadal for a spot in the final. "Always," Nadal said, "a big match."

They are two titans of tennis, with Federer holding a men's-record 20 Grand Slam titles, and Nadal next with 17.

Nadal, who won 11 of his trophies in Paris, has gotten the better of their rivalry over the years, leading 23-15 overall, 9-3 at majors, 13-2 on clay and 5-0 at the French Open, including four finals.

"My next opponent is not too bad. He can play on clay, unfortunately," Federer joked to the crowd at Court Suzanne Lenglen.

They haven't met at Roland Garros since 2011. Federer, who has won their most recent five matches, last entered the field in 2015, when he lost to Wawrinka in the quarterfinals. He pulled out with a bad back in 2016, then skipped the entire clay circuit in 2017-18.

"If you to do or achieve something on the clay, inevitably, at some stage, you will go through Rafa, because he's that strong



Switzerland's Roger Federer dives to return a shot in the third set against Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka during their quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

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and he will be there," said Federer, at 37 the tournament's oldest semifinalist since 1968. "If I would have had a different mindset — to avoid him — then I should not have played the clay."

The only time Federer won the French Open, in 2009, he didn't need to face Nadal, who was knocked out in the fourth round by Robin Soderling. That's one of only two losses for Nadal in 93 career matches at the place.

There was very little drama in Nadal's quarterfinal victory this time, a 6-1, 6-1, 6-3 stroll against No. 7 Kei Nishikori, who went through a pair of five-setters the past two rounds.

"He didn't let me play how

I wanted to play," Nishikori said, "and especially if I'm not fresh, it's not easy to stay with him."

Federer vs. Wawrinka, meanwhile, lived up to the billing, a 3½-hour tussle between a couple of guys who won a Davis Cup title and Olympic gold medal in doubles together.

Coming in, Federer held a 22-3 edge head-to-head, but Wawrinka knew this: All three of his victories had come on clay, including four years ago in the same round, on the same court. They were locked in a taut fourth set at 3-all when clouds grew thick and charcoal-colored. Thunder rumbled nearby. It was difficult to see, because there are no artificial lights. Play

was suspended as a storm arrived. But it didn't last long.

When action resumed, Federer needed only 10 minutes to take control, getting his second break of the match by smacking a big cross-court forehand to a corner that Wawrinka couldn't handle. It was 5-4, and Federer only needed to hold serve to end it. That turned out to be a tad complicated.

He double-faulted for the only two times of the entire afternoon, once on his second match point. He was forced to deflect a break point for Wawrinka, doing so with a serve-and-volley winner. And then, finally, on his third match point, Federer closed it out

with a volley, then hugged Wawrinka at the net.

"A tough, tough one, for sure," said Wawrinka, who was coming off the longest singles match of his career, a 5-hour, 9-minute victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Wawrinka credited Federer, saying, "It was important to be aggressive, to be inside the court, and he did that better than me."

Attacking the net at any opportunity, Federer won the point on 41 of his 60 trips forward. It'll be fascinating to see whether he does that against Nadal, too.

"I'm looking forward to the test," said Federer, whose last major semifinal was at last year's Australian Open. The quarterfinals on the other half of the men's draw are Wednesday: No. 1 Novak Djokovic vs. No. 5 Alexander Zverev, and No. 4 Dominic Thiem vs. No. 10 Karen Khachanov.

One women's semifinal is set: 26th-seeded Johanna Konta vs. 19-year-old Marketa Vondrousova.

Konta eliminated 2018 runner-up Sloane Stephens 6-1, 6-4, grabbing 21 of the last 22 points she served, to become the first British woman in the French Open's final four since Jo Durie in 1983.

The unseeded Vondrousova beat No. 31 Petra Martic 7-6 (1), 7-5.

Until this year, Konta had entered the clay-court major four times, losing in the first round each time.

So she has gone from 0-4 before 2019 to 5-0 over the past 1½ weeks. "I've always said that whenever I step out onto the court, I'm always going to have a chance. I'm always going to have a shot," Konta said. "I don't think any player on tour can go on court against me and feel like they've definitely got it." □

Blues beat Bruins to knot Stanley Cup Final at 2-all

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Just when the St. Louis Blues had the Boston Bruins on their heels and chasing the game, they gave up a goal and the roar went right out of the building.

The Blues could have let the talented Bruins seize the moment, let things get away from them on home ice. Again.

They didn't. The team that was mired in last place in the NHL in January, that suffered from missed calls in the playoffs and slogged through some tough losses instead showed the resolve of a championship contender and is now two victories away from lifting the Stanley Cup.

Ryan O'Reilly scored the opening goal 43 seconds in and the winner with 9:22 left, and he and the Blues thrived in a chaotic Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final on Monday night to beat the Bruins 4-2 and tie this bruising series at two games apiece.

"We knew what we had to do tonight to be a better team," coach Craig Berube said. "We were relentless tonight. We didn't stop for 60 minutes."

Game 5 is Thursday night in Boston.

This one was a back-and-

forth thriller, with Boston's Tuukka Rask and St. Louis' Jordan Binnington each giving up tons of rebounds for frantic scoring chances and scrums.

Vladimir Tarasenko scored his 11th goal of the playoffs, and Binnington made 21 saves to improve to 7-2 in the postseason after a loss. Even more impressive was the rookie's bounce-back from being pulled in Game 3 for the first time in his NHL career. Rask allowed three goals on 37 shots and was on the receiving end of several Blues onslaughts.

"He spit some rebounds out," Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy said of Rask. "But I don't have an issue with his rebound control."

Charlie Coyle scored for the third consecutive game, and Brandon Carlo had a short-handed goal for Boston, but their stars were quiet again and a big problem may be brewing: Boston captain Zdeno Chara was knocked out of the game by a puck to the mouth. Chara was allowed to sit on the bench, but it's uncertain if he'll be able to play in Game 5 when the Bruins could be without two of their top six defensemen. O'Reilly ended an eight-game goal drought by



Boston Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask (40), of Finland, gloves the puck during the third period of Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final against the St. Louis Blues Monday, June 3, 2019, in St. Louis.

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cashing in two rebounds off Rask for his first multi-goal game since November. After losing 15 of his 23 faceoffs in a tough Game 3, O'Reilly was dominant all over the ice.

"He's been our best player all year and he got rewarded," winger Patrick Maroon said of O'Reilly.

Hockey Hall of Famer and Blues alum Brett Hull screamed at the top of his lungs into the microphone

to pump up the crowd seconds before puck drop, "Are you ready? Let's Go Blues!"

They were ready, all right, and it started with O'Reilly's goal that was the Blues' sixth in the opening two minutes. They have done that now in all four rounds and are 6-0 when jumping out to a 1-0 lead in a game's first 20 minutes.

But this victory was all about responding well to

yet another momentum swing that came on special teams: The Blues killed off a Bruins power play and then hemmed Boston in its own end for more than three minutes. While St. Louis cycled the puck in the offensive zone and changed several forward lines and defensive pairings, Boston defenders were gassed and Connor Clifton took a penalty for an illegal check to the head of Tarasenko. □

CHARA

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"Right now, I've got nothing," Cassidy said. "But we don't play for two more days."

Although the 42-year-old Chara is the team's elder statesman and emotional leader, Cassidy said he is less worried about Chara's leadership than his 6-foot-9 presence on the ice.

"Taking great players out of the lineup, that's the part that hurts the most," Cassidy said. "I'm not worried about our mentality."

The Bruins have made it through the playoffs without defenseman Kevan Miller and also lost Matt Grzelcyk when he took an elbow to the head in Game 2 and needed to be helped off the ice. John Moore filled in for him in the third game, which the Bruins won. But they were down to five



Boston Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara, of Slovakia, kneels on the ice after being hit in the face by the puck during the second period of Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final against the St. Louis Blues Monday, June 3, 2019, in St. Louis.

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men on the blue line again Monday night when Chara took a deflected shot from Brayden Schenn off the right side of the face. He crumpled to the ice, face-first, and then skated off, with blood dripping from his

mouth. He returned at the start of the third wearing the shield but never went back in the game.

"Very uncomfortable, was advised not to return to play," Cassidy said after the game. "Had some stitch-

es, probably some dental work in the near future. He wanted to come out on the bench and be with his teammates."

His teammates knew how difficult it was for him to just sit there.

"He's our leader, and the biggest part of our leadership," forward David Pastrnak said. "Anything that comes out of his mouth ... everybody is listening to him."

Blues coach Craig Berube said he had a broken jaw when he was a player and was out six weeks. But if Chara has the same injury and misses the rest of the series, it won't change the Blues' approach.

"Nothing from our standpoint," he said.

A six-time All-Star and the perennial team leader in minutes played, Chara played a career-low (not

counting lockout years) 62 games this season because of an unspecified injury that kept him out six weeks in November and December. Although it's too early to rule him out for Game 5 — or perhaps longer — Cassidy said the most likely replacements would be Steven Kampfer or rookies Urho Vaakanainen, Jeremy Lauzon, and Jakub Zboril. Only Kampfer, with two games of playoff experience, has appeared in a postseason game.

"If both guys (Chara and Grzelcyk) are out, it's not an easy decision," Cassidy said. "It's not one I want to make, but you have to do what you have to do."

But don't rule them out just yet. "Both of those players, they're warriors," defenseman Charlie McAvoy said. "They'll do whatever it takes to play." □

Kevin Durant out for Game 3 of NBA Finals

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Golden State Warriors will take the floor once more without two-time reigning NBA Finals MVP Kevin Durant, counting on their depth and home court to carry them as they try to inch closer to a three-peat. Durant is out for Game 3 of the finals on Wednesday night, still not ready to return for the two-time defending champions as he works back from a strained right calf suffered during the Western Conference semifinals.

Durant didn't practice with the Warriors on Tuesday, and he has yet to get on the court for a structured session since getting injured May 8 in Game 5 against the Houston Rockets. Durant was set to some work on the court later Tuesday at the practice facility.

Guard Klay Thompson practiced two days after sustaining a mild strain to his left hamstring that forced him out of Game 2. He is listed as questionable for Game 3.

The best-of-seven series with the Toronto Raptors is tied at 1-all.

Thompson said his discomfort Tuesday was bearable — "the pain level wasn't too crazy at all."

"It will be a game-time decision. But for me personally, it would be hard to see me not playing. Hopefully, I'll feel much better tomorrow and be a go for tipoff," Thompson said.

Along with Durant, Golden State is also down backup big man Kevon Looney. He suffered a non-displaced cartilage fracture on the

right side of his collarbone area and will miss the remainder of the finals.

"He's had such a great season, such a great postseason run," coach Steve Kerr said. "Fortunately it won't affect his future, but it's a big loss for us."

Here are some things to watch for going into Game 3:

KAWHI SORE? NAH

Don't mind Kawhi Leonard's limp. Like Thompson, little will keep Toronto's star guard off the court on the NBA's biggest stage. Not with no more than five games left.

"A hundred percent," Leonard said of his health. "I'm on the floor. There are no excuses. Everybody knows everyone's banged up, bruised up at this moment." Leonard is averaging 30.9 points this postseason.

BOX-AND-ONE?

Raptors coach Nick Nurse was still hearing about his move to use an old school box-and-one with Fred VanVleet on Curry.

"In ninth grade a team played one against me," Kerr joked. "Very proud to announce that. I had a box-and-one, just like Steph."

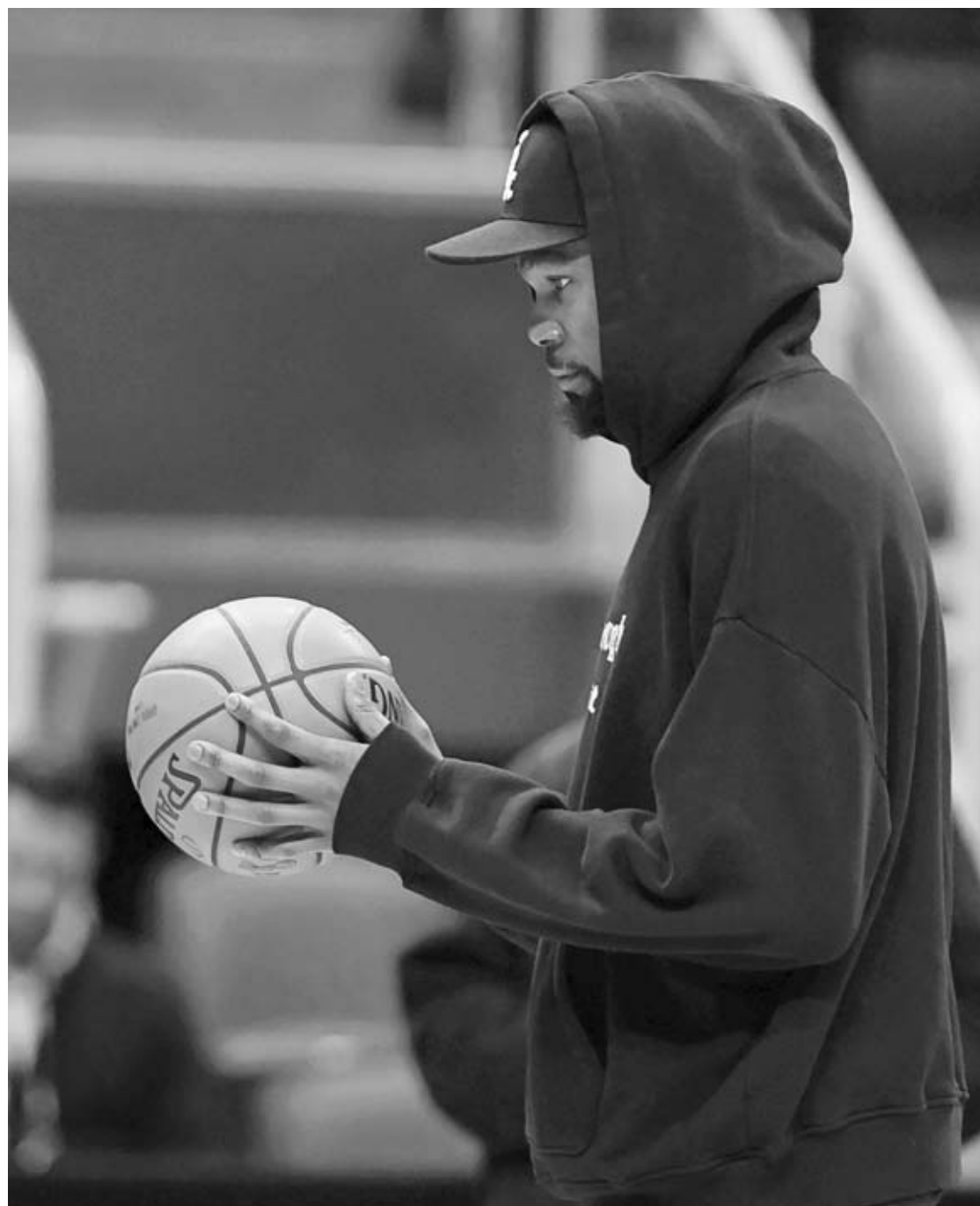
"Yeah, I know, everybody's making fun of me for it, right?" Nurse quipped.

COUSINS' IMPACT

DeMarcus Cousins shined during his first NBA Finals start and just the fourth postseason game of his career.

The big man had 11 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and two blocked shots over 28 minutes while playing in foul trouble in the 109-104 Game 2 win Sunday.

All that after he had been



Golden State Warriors Kevin Durant holds a ball during basketball practice at the NBA Finals in Toronto, Saturday, June 1, 2019.

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out with a torn left quadriceps muscle sustained in Game 2 of the first round against the Clippers. Cousins didn't even make his season debut until Jan. 18 at the Clippers following a nearly yearlong absence while recovering from surgery for a torn left Achilles tendon.

RAPTORS SHOOTING

Toronto went just 35 for 94 (37.2 in Game 2, compared to 50.6% while winning the series opener, including 11 of 38 from 3-point range. The Raptors' missed shots and defensive stops are exactly what the Warriors

count on to get out into their push-the-pace transition game. "It's always a game of rhythm a little bit and you have to watch what's happening. As you know, we talk a lot about our shot spectrum, the shots we're trying to get," Nurse said. "We have to get a certain amount of paint touches. We have to get the ball side to side. Those are things you just have to keep an eye on. I think we just had some lulls in those three areas in Game 2." The Raptors were outscored 18-0 to start the third — "the quarter from hell" as Nurse called it — and that all but did them in before a late rally that fell short.

GOLDEN DEPTH

Kerr prepares his role players all season to be ready for moments on the big stage — because Kerr was one of the backups in his day. At home, Quinn Cook,

who scored nine points with three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, regularly resumes his shooting routine moments after the final buzzer sounds.

With all the injuries, all the Warriors must be ready to contribute.

"The way that we play, everybody feels involved on both ends of the floor and has an opportunity to impact the game, not necessarily scoring every possession but just playing within the flow and sharing the ball, moving, playing unselfishly," Stephen Curry said. "Just a style where everybody is going to get touches and you just have to be confident and aggressive. So again, day to day it's just whoever is healthy. Be ready to go, compete, have fun doing it. Whoever is out there on the floor, just feel like you can help us win the game." □



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Heavyweights are suddenly fun once again

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

Just when things were starting to make sense in boxing and the heavyweight division was shaping up nicely, a fat guy with blazingly quick hands wiped away most of the preconceived notions of where it would all eventually lead.

Andy Ruiz Jr. didn't just upend heavyweight boxing. He threw it a body punch that left the division gasping for air.

Whether that is good news or bad for boxing depends on where you live and how it plays out. If nothing else, though, Ruiz scored one for the ordinary guy when he shocked Anthony Joshua and the rest of boxing with the fight of his life Saturday night at Madison Square Garden.

He not only beat the man most considered the best heavyweight in the world, but he gave him a beating in the process. When it finally ended after a flurry of punches in the seventh round that had Joshua unable — or simply unwilling — to go on, there was a new world order among the big men in boxing.

Now the task is sorting it all out again.

On one side of the pond is a new heavyweight champion, with belts big enough to fit his portly frame. Ruiz is an American from the California border town of Imperial who claims Mexican heritage, and as the first Mexican heavyweight champion he can pretty much write his own ticket to fame and fortune.

Down in Alabama is Deontay Wilder, who holds one of the big belts himself. Wilder is coming off a first-round knockout of Dominic Breazeale last month and has not been shy about setting his own schedule no matter what competing promoters might want him to do.

There's Joshua, of course, who hadn't lost before being upset by Ruiz and is a national hero of sorts in England.

Joshua has a tremendous following, and the odds are



Andy Ruiz, right, knocks down Anthony Joshua during the seventh round of a heavyweight championship boxing match Saturday, June 1, 2019, in New York. Ruiz won in the seventh round.

Associated Press

he will get a chance to regain his title at home in a November rematch with Ruiz.

And then there's Tyson Fury, who claims to be the lineal heavyweight champion and might be the most interesting of them all. The 6-foot-9 Brit suffered an emotional breakdown after beating Wladimir Klitschko in 2015 and seemed to be out of boxing before fighting to a disputed draw last December with Wilder.

In a perfect world, both the Joshua-Ruiz and Wilder-Fury rematches would take place, with the winners fighting for the undisputed heavyweight title.

But this is boxing, and nothing is ever that simple.

It's a story as old as the sport, with competing promoters and broadcast

outlets all battling it out for the millions of dollars the heavyweights generate. It's why Joshua was facing the unknown Ruiz instead of finding a way to fight Wilder in the bout boxing fans really wanted to see — a fight that now has lost some of its allure after Joshua's defeat.

In a division where one punch can change everything, one punch did. Ruiz landed a punch to the top of Joshua's head after getting knocked down himself in the third round, and from then on it was simply a matter of when the fight would end.

"It's boxing," Fury told me last week. "You can't go swimming without getting wet."

No sooner had Ruiz's hand been raised in victory than

some in boxing began comparing the magnitude of the win to Buster Douglas beating Mike Tyson in Japan in 1990 as a 42-1 underdog. But Joshua was no Tyson, and Ruiz was talented enough to make some boxing experts wonder why Joshua's promoter picked him as a late replacement for Jarrell "Big Baby" Miller, who tested positive for steroids.

And while Douglas ate himself out of boxing after his big win, Ruiz already packs 268 not-so-well-placed pounds on his frame and hasn't seemed worse for the wear because of it.

Joshua had a rematch clause in his contract with Ruiz, and promoter Eddie Hearn said Tuesday on Twitter that the rematch would take place in November or

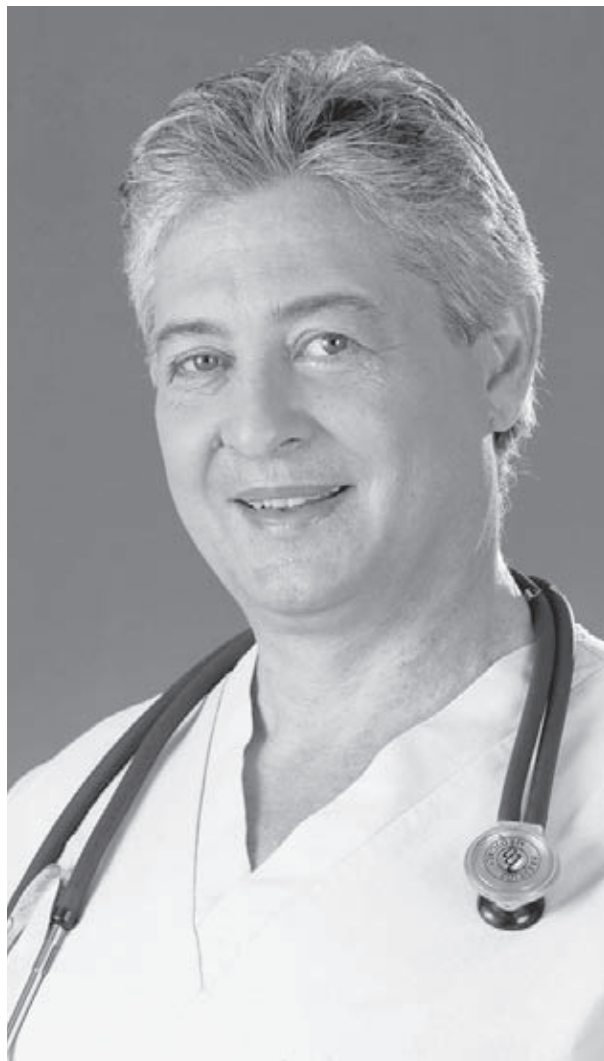
December. It likely will be in Britain, though it's also possible it could be a pay-per-view event in the U.S.

In the meantime, Fury fights Germany's Tom Schwarz next week in Las Vegas and Wilder has announced a rematch with Luis Ortiz for September.

No, it's not one mega fight for all the marbles, as it was shaping up to be. The greed of promoters and broadcasting outlets kept that from happening, as it often does in boxing.

But all the heavyweights want to be active, and all have a case they want to make. They can all talk a bit, too, which should make it even more fun.

Actually, the fact people are talking about the heavyweights once again is fun all by itself. □



By: Dr Carlos Viana

After greeting our patient, the first question I ask is: "How did you sleep last night"? Sleep is a basic human need, as important for good health as diet and exercise. Only when we are sound asleep do our bodies repair. When we sleep, our bodies rest but our brains are active, laying the groundwork for healing and productivity. Most people need eight hours of sleep nightly. Unfortunately, for 10% to 25% of us, not being able to get to sleep or insomnia can be a chronic condition. Approximately 98 million dollars a year is spent in the United States alone on over-the-counter sleep aids. Not getting enough restful sleep results in daytime sleepiness, increased accidents, problems concentrating and poor performance on the job and in school, and increased sickness and weight gain.

Lack of sleep seems to be a major stress factor. Regularly catching only a few hours of sleep can hinder metabolism and hormone production in a way that is similar to the effects of ag-

ing and the early stages of diabetes. Chronic sleep loss may speed the onset or increase the severity of conditions such as type II diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, and memory loss. Medical researchers have shown that just one week of sleep deprivation altered subject's hormone levels and their capacity to metabolize carbohydrates. Research has shown that in developed countries, the average night's sleep has grown shorter since the beginning of the century, from 9 hours to 7.5 hours. People who give up sleep to make more time for work and leisure are aging must faster than they should be.

During sleep-deprivation, researchers found, men's blood sugar levels took 40% longer to drop, compared with the natural sleep-recovery period; and their ability to secrete and respond to the hormone insulin, which helps regulate blood sugar, dropped by 30%. These changes reflect the effects of insulin resistance. In addition, the sleep-deprived men had higher nighttime concentrations of the hormone cortisol, which also helps regulate blood sugar, and lower levels of thyroid-stimulating hormone. These raised cortisol levels are often seen in older people, and may be involved in age-related insulin resistance and memory loss.

Many childhood sleep problems are related to irregular sleep habits or to anxiety. Persistent sleep problems may also be symptoms of emotional difficulties. "Separation anxiety" is a developmental landmark for young children. Bedtime is a time of separation. Some children will do all they can to prevent separation at bedtime.

The average woman aged 30-60 sleeps only six hours and forty-one minutes during the work-week. Conditions unique to women, like the menstrual cycle, pregnancy and menopause, can affect how well a woman sleeps. This is because the changing levels of hormones that a woman experiences throughout the month, like estrogen and progesterone, have an impact on sleep. Understanding the effects of these hormones, environmental factors and lifestyle habits can help women enjoy a good night's sleep.

Having trouble getting to sleep? The following ten suggestions might help.

1) Maintain a regular bed and wake time

schedule including weekends.

2) Establish a regular, relaxing bedtime routine such as soaking in a hot bath and then reading a book or listening to soothing music.

3) Create a sleep-conducive environment that is dark, quiet, comfortable and cool.

4) Sleep on a comfortable mattress and pillows.

5) Use your bedroom only for sleep and sex. It is best to take work materials, computers and televisions out of the sleeping environment.

6) Eat a healthy diet and finish eating at least 2-3 hours before your regular bedtime.

7) Exercise regularly. It is best to complete your workout at least a few hours before bedtime.

8) Avoid caffeine (e.g. coffee, tea, and soft drinks, or chocolate) close to bedtime. It can keep you awake.

9) Avoid nicotine (e.g. cigarettes, tobacco products) Used close to bedtime, it can lead to poor sleep.

10) Avoid alcohol close to bedtime. It can lead to disrupted sleep later in the night.

11) Do not run electrical wires under or over your bed.

Pharmaceutical drugs to get to sleep are not a healthy solution. These drugs do not produce the deep curative sleep needed to regain our health and are habit-forming. There are natural food supplements like 5-HTP and Theanine (from Green Tea) can help considerably if taken with a little natural fruit juice thirty minutes or more before you eat. If your sleep cycle has changed because of travel or work shift change the natural supplement melatonin will help reset your sleep cycle. Acupuncture helps balance your body and encourages restful sleep. A visit to a natural physician could help you determine the cause of your sleep problem and how to best help it. Remember, you cannot restore your health without sound sleep.

Get the Point! Getting the right amount of sleep is vital, but just as important is the quality of your sleep. An adequate amount of sleep is as important as an adequate amount of exercise. Most of us do not fully appreciate the value of a full night's sleep. I believe that seven hours is an absolute minimum for most all of us, and most of us would benefit from closer to 9 hours. Ask any woman how much better she feels and looks when getting her full allotment of beauty sleep. □

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On the Money: How new rules for debt collectors affect you

NEW YORK (AP) — The next text message you receive may not be a funny picture from your mom, or an update on how late your friend will be to brunch. It could be a debt collector.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has proposed new rules to govern how third-party debt collectors contact borrowers. The rules are expected to accelerate the industry's switch from insistent phone calls to emails and texts.

Under the new rules, third-party debt collectors would only be able to call a delinquent borrower seven times a week — currently they can call as often as they want. And once they reach a borrower by phone, they'll have to leave them alone for at least a week.

The CFPB is proposing no cap on the number of texts or emails a collector could send. This has drawn the ire of the consumer advocacy groups who say it opens the door to allowing debt collectors to use text messaging, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger or other text-based messaging services. "Collectors will be able to use these types of mes-



In this June 6, 2017, file photo a man checks his phone in an alley in downtown Chicago.

Associated Press

sages without getting borrowers to agree to them," said April Kuehnhoff, a staff attorney with the National Consumer Law Center.

The CFPB has pushed back on the criticism, saying the rules require giving borrowers an opt-out from bill collectors' texts and emails. Debt collectors will also be banned from posting public messages on a person's Twitter, Facebook or other

social media accounts.

Americans have little love lost for the debt collection industry. Roughly 25 million Americans have debts in collections, according to the Federal Reserve.

The CFPB received more than 80,000 complaints about debt collectors last year, and the industry typically ranks high in complaints to other federal and state agencies like the Fed-

eral Trade Commission. The rules proposed by the CFPB impact only what's known as the third-party debt collection industry - those who typically buy old debts at pennies on the dollar or are contracted by another lender like a bank to collect on an old debt.

The changes the CFPB has proposed are a reflection of how many Americans communicate. Fewer

Americans have landline telephones, and they speak on the phone less frequently than 10 years ago. Texting and email have become more common ways of communicating with friends or family.

The debt collection industry has long used email and texting to reach borrowers, but the industry says it was operating in a legal gray area. It isn't illegal for a debt collector to text or email you presently, it just wasn't as clearly defined as the rules for phone calls or letters.

"Using email or text messages was 'use at your own risk,'" said Mark Neeb, chief executive of ACA International, the lobby group for the debt collection industry.

TrueAccord is one California-based debt collector that has focused almost all of its efforts on reaching debtors through email or other forms of digital communication.

"(The CFPB's proposals) are a vindication of our business model," said Ohad Samet, CEO of TrueAccord. As debt collectors rely more on email and texting, expect phone calls to wane in use. □

Australia cuts key interest rate to record low 1.25%

By **ROD McGUIRK**

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— Australia's central bank cut its benchmark interest rate Tuesday by a quarter of a percentage point to a new record low of 1.25% in the first rate change in almost three years.

The change was widely expected after Reserve Bank of Australia Governor Philip Lowe said two weeks ago that inflation was likely to remain below the bank's target range of 2% to 3% a year and that a decrease in the cash rate would likely be appropriate.

The bank's board moves interest rates at monthly meetings to keep inflation within the target range. Inflation is currently running at 1.3%. Lower rates are a

boon for borrowers and can help stimulate more business activity.

"The board took this decision to support employment growth and provide greater confidence that inflation will be consistent with the medium-term target," the bank said in a statement.

It said the outlook for the global economy "remains reasonable," but risks stemming from trade disputes are growing.

"Growth in international trade remains weak and the increased uncertainty is affecting investment intentions in a number of countries, it said.

The cash rate last moved in August 2016 when it was reduced by 0.25% to 1.5%. The rate has not been in-

creased since November 2010 when it rose 0.25% to 4.75%.

Treasurer Josh Frydenberg met with chief executives of Australia's major banks in recent days to urge them to pass on the full value of any rate cut to borrowers.

"I expect all banks to pass on the benefits of sustained reductions in funding costs," Frydenberg told The Sydney Morning Herald newspaper.

The reduction is expected to boost Australia's flagging housing market, increase exports by reducing the value of the Australian currency and create jobs.

Lowe said in a speech two weeks ago that Australia had to "do better" than the current jobless rate of 5.2%, which had increased from



In this May 7, 2019, photo, the Reserve Bank of Australia building in Sydney.

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4.9%.

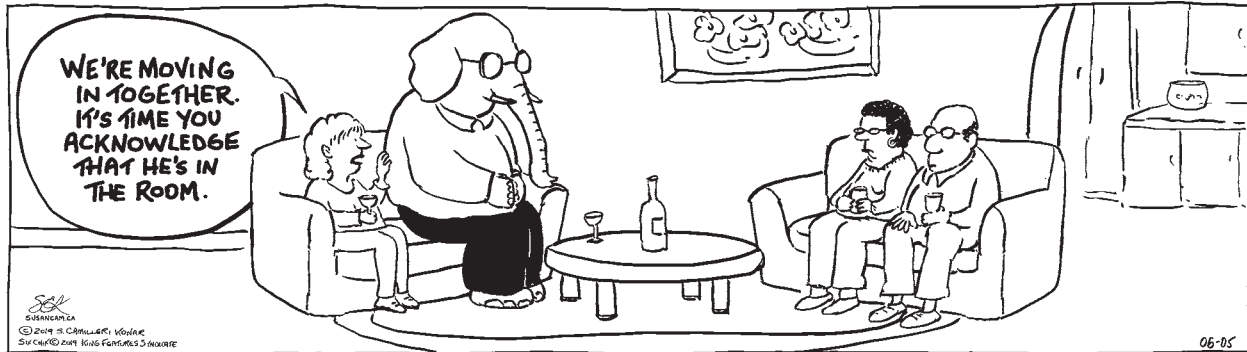
The Australian economy is suffering from the end of a mining boom, largely to supply China, that carried the country through the global economic crisis

without a recession. The country has not suffered a recession — defined as two consecutive quarters of economic contraction — since the June quarter of 1991. □

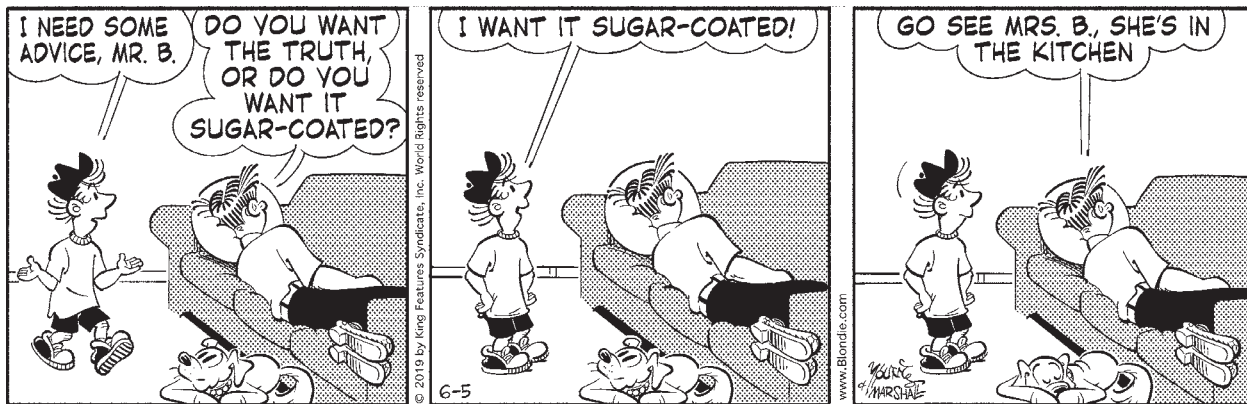
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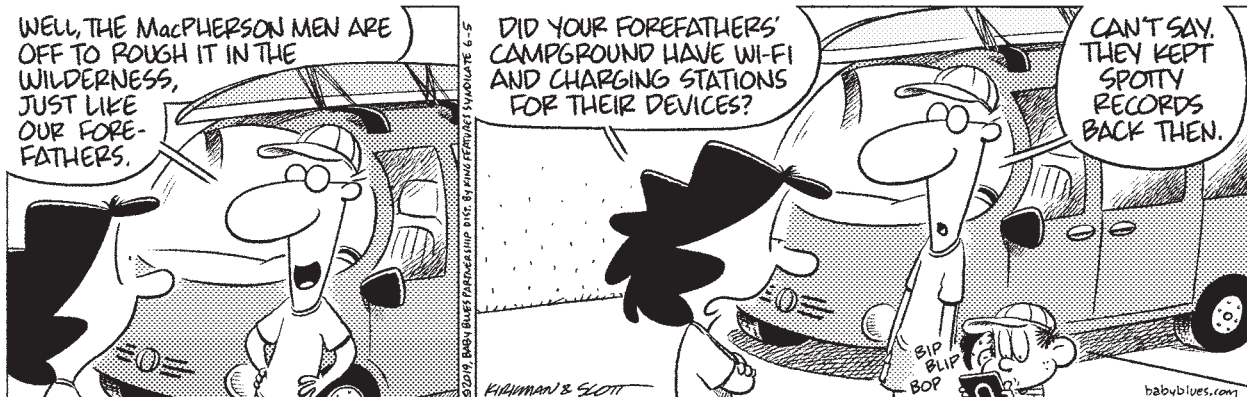
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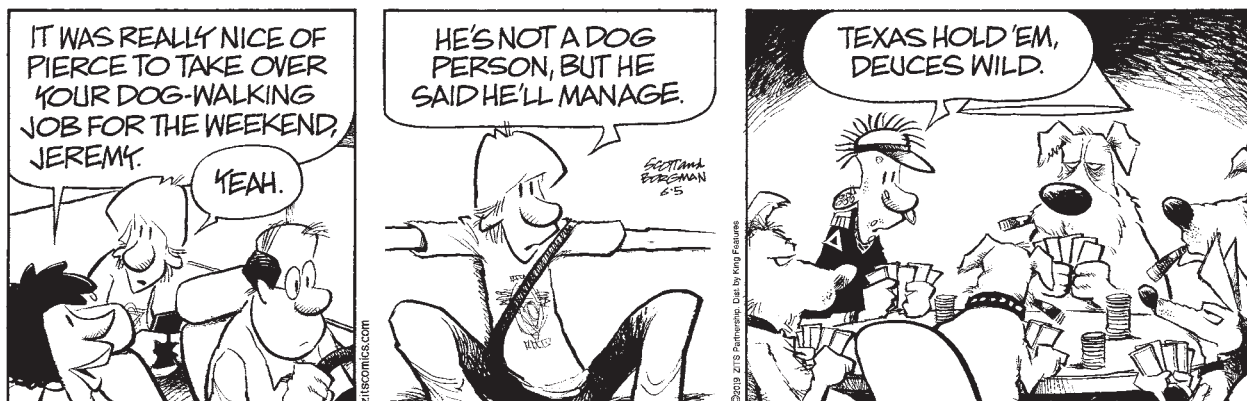
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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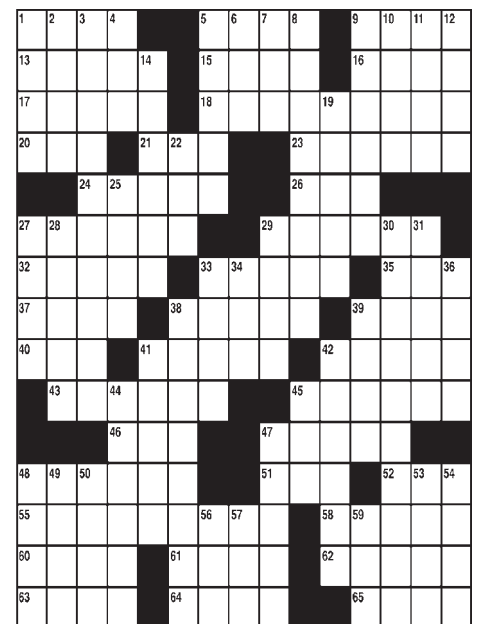
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4	6	9	8	1	3	7	5	2
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ACROSS

- Recipe verb
- Asian desert
- Small store
- Kuwait's dollar
- Spoil
- Melody
- drop of a hat; eagerly
- Official decree
- Colorful pond fish
- Cut grass
- Walk unsteadily
- and groans
- Part of a vowel list
- Minor little-known facts
- Open one's home to
- Expand
- off; becomes less angry
- Pasture sound
- As straight arrow
- Pillow covers
- Twirl
- "Ready, __, go!"
- Hose problems
- Take as an insult
- Dishes
- Soothing drink
- Native New Zealander
- Has an __ on; affects
- "__ a jungle out there!"
- Flow back
- Liver disease
- "Sesame Street" fellow
- ACL tear site
- and rave; carry on
- Cheney & Clark
- Short, sharp barks
- Convince
- Quilting parties

DOWN

- Neighbor of Nebr.
- One of Michael Jackson's brothers
- Scare
- "Hooray!"
- Gets bigger
- TV's "Days of __ Lives"
- Auction offer
- Monogram letters
- Museum piece
- Actress Helen
- more; again
- Look through a keyhole
- Stay behind
- Cubbyholes
- Stop __ dime
- Kitchen appliance
- "__ the night before Christmas..."
- Staircase piece
- Hanks & others
- Unwillingness to wait
- Clamor
- Shoot the breeze
- Live __; Georgia's state tree
- Change for a five
- Cruz & Schumer
- Scorch



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- Free-loader
- Shop window sign at night
- Long looks
- Boone or Benatar
- eyed; tearful
- Unpleasant
- Short skirt
- Get ready, for short
- Two-wheeler
- Nickname for Elizabeth
- Tool with teeth
- One __ million; dear friend
- Tease

NY could become firststate to ban cat declawing

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York would be the first state to ban the declawing of cats under legislation heading to a vote in the state Legislature.

The Senate and Assembly are both expected to take up the bill on Tuesday. Declawing a cat is already illegal in much of Europe as well as in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Denver.

Supporters of a ban in New York include animal welfare advocates, cat owners and veterinarians who argue the practice is cruel and barbaric since it involves the amputation of a cat's toes back to the first knuckle.

"New York prides itself on being first," said the bill's sponsor in the state Assembly, Manhattan Democrat Linda Rosenthal, who said she expects other states to follow suit. "This will have a domino effect."

The New York State Veterinary Medical Society has opposed the bill. It says the procedure should be allowed as a last resort for felines that won't stop scratching furniture or humans — or when the cat's owner has a weakened immune system, putting them at greater risk of infection from a scratch.

"Medical decisions should be left to the sound discretion of fully trained, licensed and state supervised professionals," the society said in a memo opposing the legislation.

Under the bill, people who violate the ban on declawing a cat could face fines of \$1,000. Veterinarians could still perform the procedure for medical reasons, such as infection or injury. The bill was first introduced years ago and has slowly gained momentum as more lawmakers came out in support. □

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Perk up: California says coffee cancer risk insignificant

By BRIAN MELLEY

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California officially gave its blessing to coffee Monday, declaring the beverage does not pose a "significant" cancer risk.

The rule, proposed a year ago by regulators, means coffee won't have to carry ominous warnings that the beverage may be bad for you.

The state took the rare move after a Los Angeles judge found Starbucks Corp. and other companies failed to show that benefits from drinking coffee outweighed risks from a byproduct of the roasting process.

That ruling put the industry in jeopardy of hefty civil penalties and in the position of either developing a process to remove the chemical or warning consumers about the risk of cancer.

The chemical in question, acrylamide, is on a list that California says causes cancer, though other groups classify it as a "probable" carcinogen.

Under a law passed more than three decades ago by California voters, products that contain chemi-



This March 30, 2018 file photo shows a Proposition 65 warning sign behind a coffee mug at a Starbucks coffee shop in Burbank, Calif.

Associated Press

cals that cause cancer or birth defects must warn consumers about those risks.

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, which implements the law, concluded there was no significant risk after a World

Health Organization review of more than 1,000 studies and found inadequate evidence that coffee causes cancer. Further, it concluded coffee reduces the risk of some types of cancer.

"Coffee is a complex mixture of hundreds of chemi-

cals that includes both carcinogens and anti-carcinogens," said Sam Delson, a spokesman for the agency. "The overall effect of coffee consumption is not associated with any significant cancer risk."

It was the first time the state

has declared such a brew of chemicals safe despite the presence of carcinogens, Delson said.

The coffee industry cheered the rule.

"This is a great day for science and coffee lovers," said William Murray, president and chief executive of the National Coffee Association USA. "With this news, coffee drinkers around the world can wake up and enjoy the smell and taste of their coffee without hesitation."

The Council for Education and Research on Toxics, which successfully sued the coffee industry in a case that has dragged on more than eight years in Los Angeles Superior Court, will challenge the validity of the state's regulation in court, said attorney Raphael Metzger.

Metzger, who represents the small nonprofit in its lawsuit against Starbucks and about 90 coffee companies, said the regulation was adopted in violation of state law and disregards the statutes the agency is supposed to implement. He said the regulation can't be applied retroactively to nullify the judge's ruling. □



In this photo made on May 22, 2019, a long queue of mountain climbers line a path on Mount Everest.

Associated Press

U.S. scientist sounds warning on future Everest dangers

By BINAJ GURUBACHARYA
Associated Press

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Mount Everest and its surrounding peaks are increasingly polluted and warmer, and nearby glaciers are melting at an alarming rate that is likely to make it more dangerous for future climbers, a U.S. scientist who spent weeks in the Everest region said Tuesday.

Prof. John All of Western Washington University said after returning from the mountains that he and his team of fellow scientists found there was lot of pollution buried deep in the snow, and that the snow was surprisingly dark when they processed and filtered

it. "What that means is there are little pieces of pollution that the snow is forming around, so the snow is actually trapping the pollution and pulling it down," All said in Kathmandu, Nepal's capital. All and his team spent weeks testing snow on Everest and its surrounding peaks, as well as plants on the foothills.

"The warming temperature is melting the glaciers and the snow around Mount Everest very quickly, so what happens is even when there is a storm it melts in a couple of hours," he said.

"The glaciers are retreating dramatically because of

global warming."

He said because the glaciers are getting thinner and smaller, it is making it more dangerous for climbers.

The team had been planning to climb both Everest and sister peak Lhotse, but crowding on Everest forced them to change their plans. They climbed up to the last camp at 8,000 meters (26,240 feet), the last point the two mountains share, and only reached the top of Lhotse.

Hundreds of climbers had lined up on May 22 and 23 to attempt to reach Everest's summit, creating a traffic jam that is being blamed for the deaths of several climbers. □

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By JOCELYN NOVECK

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Brandon Maxwell, the Texas-born designer known for his longtime collaboration with Lady Gaga as well as for dressing other famous women like Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Meghan Markle and Nicole Kidman, took top honors at the Council of Fashion Designers of America awards. Maxwell won the coveted womenswear award at the glittery ceremony at the Brooklyn Museum Monday evening. The menswear award went to designer Rick Owens.

The evening also featured a number of special awards, including the high-profile Fashion Icon award, which went to Jennifer Lopez. The pop star choked up as she thanked the many people who'd helped her achieve the dreams she had as a young girl riding the 6 train from the Bronx into Manhattan.

Dressed in a sparkling or-



Ashley Graham attends the CFDA Fashion Awards at the Brooklyn Museum on Monday, June 3, 2019, in New York.

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ange Ralph Lauren ensemble — he, too, hails from the Bronx, she noted — Lopez expressed gratitude to the many top designers who dressed her curvy figure, despite her coming to fame in "the era of the waif

and the supermodel." Designers like Oscar de la Renta, Versace, Gucci and others "allowed me to get into their designs ... to say I was a kid in a candy store was an understatement. And slowly, as curves be-

gan to be embraced, the girl who wanted to combine street style with couture began to blossom, and I'm grateful to all of you for that." Maxwell, arriving at the podium, professed that he

hadn't been prepared to win and sorely regretted having taken "full advantage of the free bar." But he moved quickly from his flustered beginning — "I might pass out," he worried — to an emotional and eloquent speech noting his admiration for his fellow nominees, and describing the hard, unglamorous work that designers do behind the scenes to make their businesses work.

"I am so proud to be part of an industry like this where we wake up every day charged with the idea that making a woman feel good, that making someone happy, is valid," he said, to cheers from the crowd.

"I worked for 10 years as a stylist before I started this company and I know that you're kind people, that you work hard, and we get scrubbed up tonight and put on a suit, but 364 days a year we are trying to pay the light bills and make it happen," he said. □

Pioneering psychedelic rocker Roky Erickson dies at 71

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Roky Erickson, the blue-eyed, dark-haired Texan who headed the Austin-based 13th Floor Elevators, a pioneering psychedelic rock band in the 1960s that scored with "You're Gonna Miss Me," has died. He was 71.

Erickson's sinuous lead guitar and wailing vocals didn't turn him into a chart topper, but they cemented his role as a musician's musician. Fans included everyone from Lenny Kaye and the Swedish metal group Ghost — who covered his "If You Have Ghosts" — to ZZ Top's Billy Gibbons.

A 1990 tribute album to Erickson, "Where the Pyramid Meets the Eye," attracted the likes of R.E.M., T-Bone Burnett, The Jesus and Mary Chain, Julian Cope, The Mighty Lemon Drops, Primal Scream and ZZ Top. Erickson's death on Friday was announced by his brother, Mikel Erickson, on Facebook and confirmed



In this March 17, 2018 photo, Roky Erickson performs at the South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin, Texas.

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by his agent, Dave Kaplan. The cause and location of

death were not revealed. "It's almost unfathomable

to contemplate a world without Roky Erickson. He

created his own musical galaxy and early on was a true inspiration," Gibbons said in a statement.

After the trippy 13th Floor Elevators dissolved in the face of drug arrests and instability, Erickson in the early '70s entered an insanity plea to a marijuana possession charge and ended up spending some time in an institution.

A short-lived effort to reunite the Elevators followed. Erickson put out a book of poetry — "Openers" — and continued making music, including the songs "Two Headed Dog" and the LP "The Evil One."

In 1986, he released the album "Don't Slander Me," and a 2005 documentary by Keven McAlester about him was called "You're Gonna Miss Me." His later albums include the mid-1990s effort, "All That May Do My Rhyme," and a 2010 collaboration with Okkervil River, "True Love Cast Out All Evil." □

'The Secret Life of Pets 2' is a well-crafted sequel

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

If the sweet, animated 2016 film "The Secret Life of Pets" was mostly for kids, its new sequel might be for another segment of the audience altogether — whoever is buying the tickets. Amid the cute critter shenanigans, this one has plenty of lessons for the parents.

Most of the same gang is back this time: Kevin Hart as the fluffy white bunny

Snowball, Eric Stonestreet as the goofy giant Newfoundland, Lake Bell as the laconic cat Chloe and Jenny Slate as the plucky Pomeranian Gidget. This time, though, our main hero terrier Max is voiced by Patton Oswalt, replacing the disgraced Louis CK.

Both films in the franchise deal with a new addition to the family. In the first, it was a new dog that allowed the filmmakers to explore



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Liam, voiced by Henry Lynch, from left, Max, voiced by Patton Oswalt, Duke, voiced by Eric Stonestreet in a scene from "The Secret Life of Pets 2."

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sibling rivalry. This time, the stranger is a baby, who Max learns to love unconditionally but which also ups his anxiety levels. (Any helicoptering parent out there knows what we mean.)

Returning screenwriter Brian Lynch and returning director Chris Renaud, who also voices the guinea pig Norman, have actually concocted three interlocking plots in "The Secret Life of Pets 2 ." It's a wise decision since none are deep enough to carry the film alone, forcing some convoluted stitching together. But they manage it, creating a solid piece of entertainment for all ages, if not a terribly revelatory one.

In one story, Max finds himself ever fearful for her owner's new toddler, stressing out as the boy's protector. "Was the world always this dangerous?" he asks after a harrowing New York City stroll. He even develops a nervous scratching tick that requires a mortifying dog cone. A trip to a farm in the country seems to offer a respite. Getting his head right is his quest.

Before he leaves, he asks Gidget to take care of his favorite squeaky toy. She promptly loses it in a cat lady's apartment filled with crazed felines. Getting it back is her comedic quest. Meanwhile, Snowball is asked by a brave Shih Tzu (newcomer Tiffany Haddish) to rescue a tiger cub held by a malevolent circus boss. His quest is, like the

others ones, to find his inner superhero.

Oswalt is a fine replacement for Max, able to connect with the character's timidity, wonder and blossoming courage. He is helped by a gruff farm dog voiced by Harrison Ford, who unfortunately muddies his first animated voice role with some hyper-masculinity.

Ford's alpha dog is pure action cool, ripping off Max's cone in disgust (not the best message for kids in treatment), rejecting Max's embarrassed neurosis and being the cold, silent type. "The first step in not being afraid, is acting like you're not afraid," he advises. Ford gets to play with his own he-man screen persona, but we're not sure this John Wayne bit — or the whole dynamic of pampered city folks versus tough country folks — is what we need right now. Another drawback is the scary elements: fearful wolves and an awful villain with a whip and a cattle prod.


Even so, the majority of the film is carefully constructed, switching from plot to plot to plot while also incorporating old characters — Dana Carvey's elderly Basset hound and Hannibal Buress as dachshund Buddy — in an increasingly complex patchwork, fed by a lively soundtrack that includes Stevie Wonder, Jefferson Airplane, Coolio and ZZ Top.

As signs of how well en-

gineered this movie is, a cover of Bill Withers' "Lovely Day" is used at the end, a callback to the original song's appearance in the first film. It also opens with "Empire State of Mind," an echo of how the first one opened with Taylor Swift's "Welcome to New York."

There are some nifty touches, including a dream sequence in which Snowball fantasizes about being a caped crusader, which creates a comic book sequence INSIDE an animated film. Bell pretty much steals the movie when her cat gets high on catnip and later teaches Gidget the "way of the cat" — complete with mandatory walking on a laptop keyboard and batting mugs off tables. All this with extraordinary animated effects. You will marvel at how real the illustrators have made this world, from rocky cliffs to speeding cars and dazzling eyes. In a neat twist, too, the cat lady becomes the butt of jokes but also this — a heroine.

If the knock on "The Secret Life of Pets" was that it was a rip-off of "Toy Story," then the second film better grounds itself in its own universe. Like its main three characters, it has learned to be comfortable in its own animated skin.

"The Secret Life of Pets 2," a Universal Pictures release, is rated PG for "some action and rude humor." Running time: 86 minutes. Three stars out of four. 

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Tony-winner Chuck Cooper cheers Tony-nominee daughter, Lilli

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — If rising Broadway star Lilli Cooper needs a bit of career advice, she knows where to turn: Her father has been there, seen that and done that.

Cooper, who earned her first Tony Award nomination this month in "Tootsie," is the daughter of Chuck Cooper, the Tony-winning actor of some 15 Broadway shows.

The chances that anyone makes it on Broadway are small. The chances that an offspring makes it there as well are smaller still. The Coopers recognize this.

"I don't know how it happened. It's kind of crazy. We're constantly pinching ourselves. It feels very surreal and very special," says Lilli during a joint interview with her dad.

She is the youngest of Chuck Cooper's three children and grew up in midtown Manhattan, a stone's throw from Broadway and dad's work.

"Backstage was my backyard," she says. "I would go to his dressing rooms after school and do my homework and take naps under his dressing station and help the prop guys hand off props in the wings. So it's just sort of like in my blood."

One of her grandfathers was an actor at Cleveland's Karamu House, the oldest African American theater in the United States, and she has two older brothers — Eddie and Alex — who also have gone into the arts.

Chuck Cooper recalls the moment he realized his daughter had the chops for a life in the theater. She was in "Spring Awakening," and he noticed her voice had beautiful focus and maturity. "I just sat straight up and the hair on the back of my neck went up. I went, 'Oh my God what have we wrought?'" he says.

This season on Broadway marks the third time both father and daughter were in shows at the same time. Chuck Cooper recently ended his run in the Tony best-play nominee "Choir



This April 12, 2019 photo shows actress Lilli Cooper posing for a portrait with her father, actor Chuck Cooper in New York.

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Boy," and his daughter plays the love interest in a retooled "Tootsie," Tony-nominated for best new musical.

Chuck Cooper, 64, has had a wonderfully varied career, from Shakespeare to musical comedy. His stage credits include "Caroline, or Change," "Chicago," "The Cherry Orchard" and "Act One." On TV, he's been on "The Good Wife," "House of Cards" and "Madam Secretary."

"I call him all the time to ask

for advice," Lilli says, turning to her dad. "It's invaluable the breadth of knowledge that you have and experience that you have. I use it, I think, on a daily basis, from 'Should I audition for this?' or choosing jobs, down to like 'I lost my voice. How do I get it back?'"

Her dad says he also seeks out his daughter's help: "I lean on you, too, because I can be kind of tough and sometimes I think I need her to help me calm down."

Lilli's Broadway cred-

its include "SpongeBob SquarePants" and playing Elphaba in "Wicked." She's been on TV's "The Good Fight," "Elementary" and in Steven Spielberg's film "The Post."

Growing up with a dad whose job wasn't the traditional 9-to-5 wasn't always easy, and the three Cooper children witnessed the attention their dad got in a big Broadway show but also the months of unemployment.

"They were there for all the

beans and rice, all the eviction notices. The 'No, you can't go to camp.' 'No, you can't have these shoes,'" Chuck says. "I was willing to gamble that it would be OK."

He is modest about his achievements: "I merely refused to quit. I just kept showing up. I kept dodging the bullets and I kept showing up, and this is what happened."

Lilli, 29, was a shy child, but had the mouth of a sailor at age 4 and bossed around her older brothers. "This is a child who we took swimming and who would jump into the pool," says her dad. "I never taught her how to swim. She just jumped in and swam. And so it was with life."

They may love each other but they don't sugarcoat their opinions of each other's work. In college, dad came to see a play Lilli was in and later suggested she change something.

"At first, I was like, 'He gave me a note. He didn't like me.' But then I was like, 'No, he was being helpful.' It was a note that I took and I got better. So, yeah, I think we're brutally honest with each other and sometimes it can be like, 'Just lie to me!'" □

Missing Lewis Chessman found, could fetch \$1M at auction

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A chess piece purchased for a few pounds (dollars) by an antiques dealer in Scotland in 1964 has been identified as one of the 900-year-old Lewis Chessmen, among the greatest artifacts of the Viking era.

Sotheby's auction house said Monday that the chess piece is expected to bring between 600,000 pounds (\$670,000) and 1 million pounds (\$1.26 million) at an auction next month.

The Lewis Chessmen are intricate, expressive chess pieces in the form of Norse warriors, carved from walrus ivory in the 12th century. A hoard of 93 pieces was

discovered in 1831 on Scotland's Isle of Lewis. It is now held in both the British Museum in London and the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh — but five of the chess pieces were missing.

The 3 1/2-inch (8.8-centimeter) piece to be auctioned July 2, the equivalent of a rook, is the first of the missing chessmen to be identified. It was passed down to the family of the antiques dealer, who did not realize its significance. Sotheby's European sculpture expert Alexander Kader said the find is "one of the most exciting and personal rediscoveries to have been made during my career." □



This image made available by Sotheby's on Monday June 3, 2019, shows a newly discovered Lewis Chessman on display at Sotheby's in London.

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Private collectors key to boosting Russia's art market

By KATE de PURY

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — For Russian art collector Roman Babichev, a visit to an artist's family living in a cramped St. Petersburg apartment yielded an unexpected sight.

In a cardboard folder under one of the beds was a stash of paintings taken off their frames because they would have filled one of the two rooms the family of four lived in.

"They were just lying there, awaiting their destiny," Babichev said.

He bought them, adding these works by landscape painter Alexander Vedernikov to his collection of Russian modernist art.

It's just one example of how, at a time when sanctions and economic woes push the topic of culture down the Kremlin's agenda, wealthy individuals are filling a gap by bringing much-needed cash to a struggling art market and supporting young Russian artists.

The tradition of private art collectors in Russia precedes even the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution when magnates like Sergei Shchukin and Pavel Tretyakov amassed priceless troves, now in the country's top museums. Today's collectors may not have the same stature, says Pushkin Museum director Marina Loshak, but they are key to developing Russia's art scene.

"Collectors are the big impetus. Without collectors there are no galleries and these are the laboratories, the test tube, in which everything happens," Loshak told The Associated Press.

DISCOVERING RUSSIA'S HIDDEN MODERNISTS

Babichev gave up a successful business career in the 1990s to collect art. His apartment on Moscow's outskirts is both a gallery and a living space, with paintings and sculptures displayed floor to ceiling. Babichev dug back into Soviet history, discovering forgotten artists of the 1920s-50s. With determination and detective work,



In this photo taken on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, a view of the building of the AZ Museum in Moscow, Russia.

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he tracked down their neglected works and pieced together the artists' stories. Many had studied abroad or witnessed the flowering of Russian avant-garde art just after the Bolshevik Revolution. Isolated and under threat, they still saw themselves as part of the global modernist art movement they had glimpsed briefly. Many were forced to hide their work; some were persecuted.

Vera Ermolaeva, star of the Russian avant-garde movement, was executed in 1937. Nikolai Emilianov

also was shot, Eduard Krimmer burned most of his work and Maria Kazanskaya suffered a lifetime of mental illness after being imprisoned at 18.

Babichev's collection of some 4,000 works displays dazzling, unrealized potential.

"If that tragedy of 1917 had not happened, Russian art might have attained a different place," Babichev said.

ART AGAINST THE SOVIET STATE

Natalia Opaleva, a banker and head of a Siberian

gold mine, also collects Soviet-era underground art.

In 2015 she opened the AZ Museum in Moscow, named after Anatoly Zverev whose portrait of a young woman was Opaleva's first purchase. An "unofficial artist" of the 1960s, Zverev's work is exuberant and accessible, making him popular with the public.

Focusing on Soviet underground art of the 1960s-1980s, Opaleva has amassed some 2,500 works. This generation experienced Russia's cultural

"thaw" after Stalin's death in 1953 and refused to go back to socialist realism. Banned by the state, starved of materials and public recognition, these artists continued to create in a period of "Soviet Renaissance," a term Opaleva uses with some irony. Milena Orlova, editor of Russia's influential Art Newspaper, admires their courage.

"These artists made and showed their own work because they had no other choice. Let's not forget the conditions in which they produced this wonderful art, we need to double the value of what they did because of the conditions they worked under," she said.

A small space tucked between grand apartment blocks in central Moscow, the AZ Museum is packed for openings. Older visitors remember the unofficial artists as heroes of their own Soviet youth.

Opaleva has ambitious plans to boost AZ's reputation in Russia and abroad, staging her first international show in Florence last year. She sees collecting art as a personal, even patriotic mission and is determined to ensure that these forgotten Soviet artists gain global stature.

"They are worthy of interest not just in Russia but in the world, as a part of world culture," she said.

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF ART

Moscow property developer Dmitry Aksenov fell into art by accident. He bought an abstract painting for his new house and just over 10 years later, owns a growing collection of contemporary Russian and East European art.

A physicist by training, Aksenov took a scientific approach once he decided to collect art and set about studying cultural history to train his eye. Now he feels confident enough to buy work he chooses himself. The Aksenov Family Foundation owns 400 pieces including video, photography, painting and site-specific installations. □



In this photo taken on Friday, March 15, 2019, Russian art collector Roman Babichev arrives to an interview with The Associated Press in his apartment in Moscow, Russia.

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